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## School tax shift plan sent to Maine Attorney General

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

SAD 44 Supt. David Murphy said Monday that the committee preparing a proposal to shift some of the tax burden for school funding from Newry to the district's other three towns is waiting to hear from the Dept. of Education—and the Maine Attorney General—before sending the proposal to the board and, if approved, to district voters.

At its last meeting, the committee voted 9-3 to approve a proposal that would base funding 90 percent on each town's valuation and 10 percent on student enrollment for the first two years.

Thereafter, funding would be based 85 percent on valuation and 15 percent on enrollment.

Currently the shares are based 100 percent on town valuations, a format preserved for SAD 44 in 2005, when other districts shifted to a combination of valuation and enrollment.

Under the initial 90/10 split, Bethel would pay \$173,737 more, based on the current school budget, than its current payment of \$2,888,029, according to Jake Clockedile, a retired school superintendent who has been hired to facilitate the process.

Woodstock would pay \$90,216 more than the current \$1,179,618. Greenwood would pay \$4,472 more.

Newry would pay \$268,425 less than its current \$3,018,194.

After the shift to 85/15, Bethel would pay \$260,605 more than currently;

Woodstock \$135,324 more; and Greenwood \$6,709 more. Newry would pay \$402,638 less.

However, Murphy told the School Board Monday, although the figures are based on the total local share of the budget, wording in the committee's proposal instead referred to the "additional local share."

The portion of the SAD 44 budget that is paid through local funding is divided into "required local share," the amount the state requires to be raised locally for essential programs and services in order to qualify for the state education subsidy, and "additional local share," the additional amount ap-

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## Abutters vent on Step Falls parking, sanitation problems

By ALISON ALOISIO

At last week's Newry Planning Board meeting, abutters to the Step Falls Preserve strongly criticized the Mahoosuc Land Trust for its management of the land, citing human waste on their property and parking hazards on Route 26.

The neighboring landowners described problems including waste left behind by trespassers who left the MLT property and went on to abutting land to relieve themselves, drink and have sexual intercourse.

The abutters, Bill and Gretchen Strauss and Keith Durgin, also said visitors parked on abutting land when the parking lot was full, as well as up and down the sides of Route 26.

Gretchen Strauss' grandfather had donated the land to the Nature Conservancy and MLT in order

to protect it, Bill Strauss said, but "it's certainly not being protected."

Also attending the meeting were President Bob Iles and Bonnie Pooley of the MLT board. They came to discuss possible options for addressing the problems.

The Maine Warden Service recently got involved in the situation after repeated complaints. At a meeting with selectmen earlier this month, Landowner Relations Specialist Rick LaFlamme of the Warden Service described the sanitary conditions on abutter land at the top of the falls as "appalling," and said his agency would begin giving out trespass tickets to violators.

There is no portable toilet onsite, only a sign directing people a mile up the road to facilities at Screw Auger Falls.

Since the most recent complaints and discussion, Iles told the planners

last week, the land trust has taken steps to reduce the promotion/information about the falls online. He said they have taken the site off the Maine Trails guide website; posted on another website that visitors should go to the falls early or late in the day, and try to avoid weekends; and removed the falls from a website dedicated to identifying scenic waterfalls ideal for photographing.

Iles also said he had talked to the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce about "easing off a bit" in promoting the site.

He also suggested a joint letter from the town and MLT to the chamber and Sunday River Resort, who he said refers visitors to the falls.

Regarding the parking, Iles said MLT had just received its first complaint

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## North Conway man dies cycling on Route 113 in Evans Notch

By ALISON ALOISIO

A New Hampshire cyclist died Saturday on Route 113 in Evans Notch in the White Mountains National Forest when he went off the road, according to Oxford County Sheriff's Office Cpl. Danielle Welch.

James Soroka, 69, of North Conway, New Hampshire, was going down the back side of Evans Notch toward Stow at an estimated 45 miles per hour when he apparently lost control and went off the road to the

right, Welch said Sunday.

The death appeared to be accidental rather than a medical event, she said. Soroka had some head lacerations, but the cause of death had not yet been determined.

He was wearing a helmet, she said.

Soroka was found behind the guardrail, according to witnesses, Welch said. He died at the scene.

A cycling companion was riding ahead of Soroka, and when he did not catch

up, the companion went back and found him, according to Welch.

The crash was reported at 11:55 a.m., Welch said.

Route 113 was closed for at time at both ends by the Gilead and Sacopee Valley fire departments, respectively.

At the Gilead end, Route 113 intersects with Route 2.

Maine Warden Service, Bethel Rescue and Fryeburg Rescue assisted at the scene.



The 40th annual New England Trappers Weekend took place this past weekend at Neil Olson's in East Bethel. The event included displays, demonstrations, vendors contests and more. Shown here are fishers at a display by "nuisance trapper" Terry Newton of Burnham. More photos, Page 9.

A. Aloisio

## Dave Mallett featured Friday at Andover Summer Concert Series

Well known singer/songwriter Dave Mallett will perform Friday evening, Aug. 26 rain or shine, in Andover's Summer Concert Series, according to a press release.

"Shine" will be a free show at the bandstand on the Common, with donations encouraged and "Rain" is at the church next door for \$20.

To guarantee a seat at the show rain or shine, advance \$20 tickets are available at Pete's Hardware.

Mallett is one of America's true original troubadours. In a career spanning four decades, he has recorded 14 albums, had several hundred covers of his songs, including the American folk classic Garden Song [Inch by Inch, Row by Row] and performed in clubs, concert halls and festivals across the U.S., Canada and Europe.

He has appeared on numerous broadcasts, including National Public Radio's A Prairie Home Companion. Known for his carefully written, poetic offerings, his body of work has provided material for an eclectic list of artists that includes Alison Krauss, Pete Seeger, Hal Ketchum, Emmylou Harris, John Denver and the Muppets.

"You cannot miss this native son on the Andover Common Friday night. Still a relevant voice from the heart," said local fan Brooks Morton of Newry. "So many of his lyrics embody rural Maine life. Please support live music and join the fun in Andover. It will be epic!"

For more info, call 207-392-2572 or go to the Andover Concert Series Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/218332791870784/>



Dave Mallett

Submitted photo

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# Letters

## TRANSPARENCY STILL LACKING

To the Editor:

Despite stating their intention to increase transparency, the SAD 44 superintendent and Board of Directors persist in limiting citizen access to district decision-making. Approximately three months ago I wrote to this newspaper to ask how our students were performing on standardized tests since the implementation of the Telstar Freshman Academy and the TIF grant. Despite many articles and presentations giving glowing qualitative reviews of these programs, nothing has been forthcoming that can be quantified. Isn't it important for members of the SAD44 community to have access to this data, for better or for worse, so that they can participate in future decision-making? Board members have lamented the lack of citizen turn-out at school board meetings, but when I went to the district web site today (Thursday, 8/18) to look at the agenda for next week's meeting, it wasn't there. Certainly I understand that there may be changes to an agenda printed in advance, but don't we citizens deserve notice of what issues are likely to be discussed? The Board and the superintendent claim to want community input, but the lack of an agenda published at a reasonable interval prior to the meeting sends the opposite message.

As was added as a disclaimer to my last letter, I am a former teacher at Telstar High School. One of the factors that led to my decision to leave my job was the making of major decisions behind closed doors. The TIF grant was a fait accompli before teachers were informed of it, although the intent of the grant is for all district staff to have input into the decision to participate. Likewise, the Telstar Freshman Academy was approved by the School Board before any definite curriculum had been developed. I know, because I was one of the teachers who spent a great deal of the summer prior to its implementation trying to pull it all together. Proper planning and community awareness lead to greater community engagement and student success.

Finally, I am quite proud to be the "significant other" of Jim Sysko, who happens to be the Chairman of the Newry Withdrawal Committee. However, why that information should have to be made public I have no idea. I live in my own home, pay my own taxes, and most definitely do my own research and state my own opinions. In fact, Mr. Sysko's and my mutual dissatisfaction with the state of affairs at SAD 44 was one of the many things we had in common as we developed a relationship, not the other way around. It is at least equally relevant that Steve Wight, the former Newry selectman who in 2005 decided single-handedly to work with Dr. Murphy to preserve the state (education) funding formula based on Newry property valuations in the least transparent manner possible, was also at the time on the Board of Directors of the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp, home of the Telstar Freshman Academy.

Keep us in the loop, please.

Susan Owens  
Hanover

## ON HILLARY

To the Editor:

"Hillary dillary dock, a mouse ran up the clock - oops, I meant Hillary former Secretary of State running away scot-free from carelessly passing government classified material on her unsecured personal server.

Now if you or a relative serving in the military or holding an appointed or government civil service position with access to such material, did so and it was discovered, you or they would not be absolved of such an act be it a moment of carelessness or deliberate intent.

Think about it - if she were your banker and e-mailed the amount in your account to another banking firm via her personal server and a hacker spreads the word of your wealth, would you still want her to be your banker and not be charged?

Or worse - if she were your doctor and e-mailed transcripts of your medical records to other medical agencies via their personal server that you are frequently being treated for a variety of STDs, and a hacker posts it for the world to see, would you still want her to be your physician and not face charges?

I doubt, so why, with her exhibited traits of lying, carelessness, insincerity and irresponsibility, do so many of you want such an unqualified and unscrupulous person to be your President?

John R. Davis  
South Paris

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## TEAM HAILEY HUGS WALK A THON

To the Editor:

We are getting geared up for our 2nd annual Team Hailey Hugs Walk a Thon. We are truly excited about our walk. Proceeds of this years walk will help two children from the Bethel area who are fighting childhood cancer. Our goal as a non profit is to help families of Maine who are going through Childhood Cancer.

Team Hailey Hugs Walk a Thon is Sept. 17 at Telstar's track field. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk starts at 9 a.m. We are hoping to have vendors join us - you can sell your products and crafts. All vendors of any kind are welcome. Vendors will pay a small fee of \$25 and should bring their own tables and tent due to it being an outdoor event. The snack shack will be open for business.

Come one, come all, help us help the families who need us the most during their journey through childhood cancer. Any questions or if you would like to sponsor/walk in the walk a thon contact Tabaitha Steward at 281-917-5331 or tabaithasteward@aol.com. We have sponsor/registration sheets!

Tabaitha Steward  
Bethel

## ALBANY IMPROVEMENT ASSN ANNUAL MEETING

To the Editor:

The Albany Improvement Association will hold its annual meeting at the Town House on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. All Albany residents are invited.

Bob O'Brien, AIA president  
Albany

## MORE ITEMS NEEDED FOR GRANGE SALE

To the Editor:

First I would like to thanks all those who left items on my porch for the Alder River Grange super yard sale that we had last week during the nearby Trapper's Weekend. We did well with our sales and are most grateful for all the generosity which made it possible.

We are planning another super yard sale during Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 3-5 at the Grange Hall, 1895 Intervale Road in East Bethel.

Anyone having items in good condition that they are no longer using can leave them off any time on my side porch at 18 Broad Street, directly across from Bethel Inn. Housewares, dishes, furniture, tools, books, etc. are especially sought. Please no obsolete computer equipment, tires, or other items in poor condition.

Thanks in advance if you are able to make contributions to assist the Grange in raising funds for its operations, scholarships and community service projects.

Stan Howe, Treasurer  
Alder River Grange

## DON CHASE'S LAST STAND

To the Editor:

At age 87, for a number of years now I have raised a garden much larger than that which would serve the needs of just two people. The purpose and intent of this endeavor was to keep myself fit, active and at the same time share the extra produce with those who might not be able to do it for themselves. I started out leaving a little dilapidated tin typewriter stand down by the road that folks might stop by and help themselves to the excess produce. Last winter with little else to do I decided to resurrect the little stand. I made it considerably more sturdy, fastened angle iron around the top so the vegetables wouldn't fall off and spray painted it an attractive green.

On Friday this week when I left the house to go down to the shop to get my tractor to get more vegetables for the stand I was pleased to note that the stand was there and all the vegetables from the day before were gone. When I backed my tractor out to go down to the garden I was not so pleased and incredibly down hearted because my stand was no longer there. From the house Bev noticed a white pickup drive slowly by as if looking for vegetables, then turn around come back by, stopped, and a couple of folks got out loaded the stand onto the back of the pickup and drove off with it. I am convinced that because the stand was down by the road unattended that it was deemed a discard and there for the taking. Which it was not. The only thing I can do now is hope that those who have it will either return it or at least appreciate the effort it took to make it that appealing and attractive.

Don Chase  
Bethel

## PIE NIGHT THANKS

To the Editor:

Thank you to everyone who so generously supported the Pie Night Benefit for Sam Miele held last week. Over 100 people turned out under the Stony Brook Campground Pavilion in Hanover to enjoy a huge spread of pies and show their support of Sam Miele.

Thank you to the bakers who donated over 50 delicious pies, quiches and other desserts and to Stony Brook Variety for making the pizzas. Thank you to individuals and local area businesses who donated raffle prizes including River View Resort, Bethel Outdoor Adventure, Jade's Salon, Davey Bennett, Stony Brook Campground and Variety, the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library Trustees, and Tuesday afternoon Busy Bees. Thank you to Jane and Debbie of Jade's Salon who helped organize and promote the event, to Gary Fleming who missed out on all the fun while back at the Stony Brook kitchen making pizzas for the crowd, to Shirley and Bruce Powell, daughter Kristen, and granddaughter Gabrielle who helped with the setup, decorating, and festivities, to Sue Harrington of We Party for the balloons, and to the women of the Library who baked, cut and served pies the entire evening.

Most of all, thanks to those of you who attended this event in show of your support for Sam. It is heartwarming to know what a community will do when someone is in need. Thank you all for your generous donations and support of another Pie Night Benefit in Hanover.

Maria Holloway, for the Trustees of the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library  
Hanover

## WOODSTOCK HS CLOSING FOR SEASON

To the Editor:

The Woodstock Historical Society will close for the summer season after this Saturday (Aug. 27 from 2-5).

Messages may be left on the Society's Facebook page or through the Woodstock town office.

We thank you for your support.

Larry Bonney, President  
Woodstock

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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# Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: After more than 40 years, former AT&T employees from the Telstar Satellite Earth Station in Andover gathered for a reunion at the Andover Town Hall.

The Bethel Brewers won the 2006 Pine Tree Conference baseball championship.

Births: Abigail Rebecca LaMarche, Nevaeh Carla-Rose Bailey, Ava Marie Craig.

Deaths: Edward C. Bean. 20 years ago: Carl Glidden was the sole and successful bidder for the Naimay Block at a foreclosure auction.

Certified nurse-midwife Cathy Heffernan joined Riverside Family Practice.

Births: Lucas Michael Hart, Brennan Thomas Swindell, Alexander Martin Petrovich, Jennifer Lynn Slocumb, Jennifer Michele Wakefield.

Deaths: Blanche Bean, Howard Donald Penley, Ernest Perkins.

30 years ago: A reunion of former students and teachers of Mason Grammar School was held at the Rupert Grover home in Mason.

Large crowds were on hand for the three-day New England Trappers' Convention at Neil Olson's.

Birth: Dana Hathaway Niro.

Deaths: Walter K. McKeen, Brett A. Giroux, Randy A. Cochran.

40 years ago: Bethel Inn owners Barry Harris and Peter Cahill gave the Bethel Library Association the parcel of land directly behind the library building.

The former Gehring Clinic was entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

Very heavy rain and severe electrical storms were reported in the West Bethel area.

Death: Alphonso A. Brown.

50 years ago: The windshields of three cars and a truck were smashed by vandals at a used car lot in Bryant Pond. The vehicles were owned by Rackley Auto Sales of Portland.

Mt. Abram Fish and Game Association held their annual meeting at the Locke Mills Town Hall, followed by a picnic at Littlefield's Beach.

Birth: Shelly Ann Birney. Deaths: John H. Deegan, Wilmer F. Bryant, Alfred Bedell.

60 years ago: A surface of Blue Rock Mix was applied to the sidewalk from the corner of Broad and Main Streets to the Cole Block.

Fifty-one Little League and Pony League boys and their chaperones enjoyed a trip to Boston to a ball game.

Births: Shelly Lee Small, Sherry Ann Learned.

Death: Mrs. Laura M. McKeen.

70 years ago: Charles Anderson and his sister, Mrs. Helen Sprague and family, arrived home from Leadville, Colo.

80 years ago: Miss Katherine Herick was teaching French and History at Cape Elizabeth High School.

Engineers completed surveying for the new road from the foot of Mill Hill to the Albany line.

Death: Irene Ina Coolidge.

90 years ago: Gov. Brewster and party were overnight guests at Bethel Inn. Many gardens in Bethel were frozen.

Deaths: Fred. J. Philbrook, Mrs. Cora E. Bean, Mrs. Lillia F. Peabody.

110 years ago: The Grand Trunk railway tracks from the Bethel depot toward West Bethel were being lowered two to three feet, and the roadbed widened so the siding could be lengthened. The wooded overhead bridge was being replaced by an iron one, and placed on new abutments.

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# Step Falls

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this summer from an abutter about people parking on his property across from the falls land.

Iles said the current 23 parking spaces onsite could perhaps be expanded by about six.

But planner Ron Guertin wondered if expansion would help.

"If you came up with an additional 20, would that be enough? By next year, probably not. It's all over the web. They're just marketing this area," he said.

Iles acknowledged more parking might invite more visitors, noting that has been the case at parks elsewhere.

"I guess it's one of those 'if you build it they will come,'" he said, and he agreed it might be best not to build it.

"No parking" signs were also expected to go up soon for a half mile on either side of the entrance, town officials have said.

As for sanitation issues, Iles said MLT volunteers take turns spending time at the falls in the summer to monitor usage, but they are not there all the time.

He also said MLT would

consider a portable toilet in the parking lot, but had been told by Newry Code Enforcement that it would be prohibited by state law at the location.

Planning Board Chairman Doug Webster said he knew of no regulations governing portable toilets, or forbidding them.

## ABUTTER COMMENTS

Webster opened up the discussion to the abutters.

Durgin said Step Falls had been "overburdened for over 20 years," but there had not been parking in the road, "to speak of," in earlier years.

Regarding sanitation, he described coming upon people on a recent weekend on the Mahoosuc land relieving themselves "very close to the brook."

The human waste is beyond your imagination," he said.

He said in years past there had been some human waste back from the water, but now it is more commonly found right next to it.

Durgin also said he had gone up along the falls and painted circles around

condoms that were on the ledges near the water, to show game wardens.

The numbers of people are also impacting the environment, he said.

"The trespassing is unbelievable," he said. "We've lost most of the lady slippers, which is ridiculous, because they are protected."

Durgin said that while many people are respectful of property, "There's a percentage of them that are going to do that."

He said the land trust "ought to be ashamed of themselves that they haven't put the effort in ... I gave them all the time in the world," he said.

Bill Strauss told planners, "When this first started, Mahoosuc invited us to come to a meeting and to voice our concerns about the property and what they could to make it work with everyone. We spoke quite a bit about it to them. They didn't listen to one thing that we said. They still haven't listened to one thing we've said. We've been over there several times. They still don't listen to what we have to

say. He [Iles] addressed you, but he wouldn't address any of us because they don't want to talk to us, because we know what's going on. We see it."

Iles said he had not seen any of the abutters' suggestions.

"I'd be glad to take a look at them. We realize the place is overused. We're looking for an answer, too," he said.

Pooley said she understood there is a waste problem. She said the MLT trails are kept clean by volunteers, and while she had not seen human waste herself, she had seen toilet paper and picked it up.

Bill Strauss said, however, that they would need to go farther into the woods onto the abutting land, via side trails that have been created by people seeking a place away from the main trail to do their business.

"It's not my job to police your property, it's to police the trail," said Pooley.

"But you're inviting your guests and they're using our property," Strauss replied.

Gretchen Strauss said she had grown up at Step Falls.

"I love that spot. It was in my family for 170 years," she said. "But it's not that enjoyable any more."

She said 30 years ago on busy days there might have been 30 or 40 people at the falls, but today there can be close to 300. She said she had recently encountered people trespassing and told them they were on private property, "but they blew on by me."

The Strausses said they have wanted to renovate the nearby family farmhouse that they still own and move there, but they will not consider it with the current conditions next door. Bill Strauss likened it to living next to a place that has a party every weekend.

He said they had suggested to MLT that the volunteer monitors wear shirts identifying themselves in order to convey a bit more of a sense of authority, "but they didn't do that either ... Common sense solutions will certainly solve a lot of problems, but someone has to actually do

it."

Another suggestion was to pay a monitor.

Pooley said it "might come to that."

Durgin said the land trust needs to build a fence to separate the properties and control the visitors.

"You people are not going to do this to me, or to the public ... One way or the other, the trespassing is going to stop," he said. "The talking's over. I want something done."

LaFlamme could not be reached by press time for an update from the Warden Service perspective.

The agency was expected to meet with MLT to discuss the problems.

Newry Town Administrator Amy Bernard said at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting that Oxford County Sheriff's deputies were on Route 26 by the falls this past weekend, and wardens had given out tickets for trespassing based on evidence from cameras they had placed on abutting property.

(Note: The writer is married to Joe Aloisio, a member of the MLT board.)



Representatives from the Mahoosuc Land Trust met with the Newry Planning Board last week to discuss possible solutions to parking and sanitation problems at the MLT's Step Falls preserve. Pictured above left are, from left: Ron Guertin, John Gauthier, recording secretary Becky Bean, Chairman Doug Webster, Bob Iles of MLT (back to) and Dave Bartlett. Also attending were several abutting landowners, including (above right, from left): Gretchen Strauss, Bill Strauss and Keith Durgin.

A. Aloisio

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# SAD 44 teaching principals to resign in 2017

By LIZ MEISNER  
Sun Media

Levi Brown, principal and physical education teacher at Crescent Park Elementary School, and Jolene Littlehale, principal and Title 1 teacher at Woodstock Elementary School are expected to resign at the end of this school year, SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy told the School Board Monday.

"I plan on working really hard to change their minds," Murphy said.

He announced several other resignations within the district. SAD 44 will need to hire the following personnel:

- Educational technicians;
- Middle school math teacher;
- Middle school English teacher;
- Special education director; and
- Bus driver

Murphy also described improvements made to the schools over the summer, including roof and ceiling repairs and the addition of new pavement.

He went on to announce changes to the district's technology budget. Students in kindergarten through grade two will receive their own iPads, and students in grades three through 12 will each receive a MacBook Air.

**FRESHMAN ACADEMY**

Murphy said the Telstar Freshman Academy, a partnership with the Maine 4-H Camp & Learning Center in Bryant Pond, has potentially led to improved NWEA scores for those 55 students who participated in the program.

Average NWEA scores for Telstar freshmen in reading, language use, and science improved by more than double the expected growth rates between their fall and spring performances on the nationally normed test.

Murphy said scores of 10th graders, who as freshmen participated in the first year of the TFA program, also showed improvement.

"Whether it was related to their participation in the program or not, either way, it's good news," he said.

An in-depth presentation of the program results will happen at the next meeting Sept. 12.

Elaine Ferland, educator effectiveness coach in association with the Teacher Incentive Fund grant, provided an overview of the grant's programs and how they have affected the district's educators.

The grant is federally funded and offers participating districts up to \$5 million. This will be the fourth and final year SAD 44 is taking part in the program.

Ferland highlighted the conference teachers and administrators attended this summer and the perks of the program. Through the grant, teachers have gained knowledge and guidance on creating assessments in their classrooms, and administrators, on evaluating practices of the teachers.

Each district educator will undergo at least two observations; one announced and one unannounced. They will take place after this coming year.

School safety consultant Scott Parker assisted in developing and improving the district's safety plan for emergency situations.

The new plan includes more accessible entries for public safety, a special film for front office windows in Crescent Park and Woodstock, and extensive training for school staff.

Also new is an announcement system in times of emergency, activated by a panic button in the main office, complete with strobe lights in loud locations, such as the music room or the gymnasium.

"Everything we said we were going to (do) last year, we did," Parker said.

New School Board director Todd Wheeler of Bethel was present at the meeting.

## School

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proved by voters to fund the total district budget.

The total local share in the current budget is \$7,922,264, of which \$5,926,436 is the required local share and \$1,995,828 is the additional local share.

Applying the proposed changes only to the additional local share would have resulted in a much smaller funding shift than the committee intended, Murphy said.

He was unable to attend the committee's last meeting due to a death in his family, he said.

"I had the opportunity to check in with the facilitator the next day when I saw the minutes, and suggested that maybe there had been an error, which he confirmed that there was," Murphy said.

In the meantime, he said, the process for changing the funding formula was also undergoing scrutiny from the district's attorneys and the Dept. of Education.

"Once our attorneys looked at it and considered the motion, and also looked at the original language that separated SAD 44 from the cost-sharing [formula] required in 2005, they just wanted to be sure that any changes that this committee made were done with wording that would protect the committee and the residents who vote on it from any unintended consequences," he said.

The motion was submitted to the Dept. of Education for review, which in turn requested a review by the Attorney General's office.

"We had originally tried to schedule another meeting of the cost-sharing committee for last week and at the very end had to postpone that pending getting that information from the Attorney General's office," Murphy said.

He said the committee will act quickly once the Attorney General's office has weighed in, with a goal of establishing a referendum date on the proposed change in November.

Once a motion is approved by the funding formula committee and the School Board, the final cost-sharing proposal would require a simple majority of district voters for approval.

(Note: The writer is a substitute teacher for SAD 44 Adult Education.)

# Personnel changes in SAD 44

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

At its meeting Monday, the SAD 44 School Board approved Superintendent David Murphy's appointments of four new teachers for the 2016-17 school year.

April-Jo Cook has been hired to teach science at Telstar High School. Her most recent position was at Catherine McAuley High School, where she taught for seven years. She previously taught in Florida, and, said Murphy, "she reminded me that her first year as a teacher was at Telstar High School."

Ashley Oliver will be the new art teacher at Crescent Park and Woodstock Elementary Schools. She began serving as a long-term substitute in that capacity last winter, and has been hired for the regular part-time (.8) position.

Heather Zybas will teach third grade at Woodstock Elementary School, having previously taught second grade at the Guy E. Rowe School in Norway and served as principal of the Pittsburg School in northern New Hampshire.

Amy Lilly been hired to teach English/language arts at Telstar Middle School. She has previous experience as a substitute, has taught at Gould Academy, and is a certified K-8 teacher.

Murphy said Lilly will replace former TMS English teacher Autumn Gregory, who recently resigned in order to take a position closer to her home.

Murphy also announced the resignation of Paula Leavitt, who had served as assistant superintendent for special education, curriculum, and special projects. He said the special education director portion of that position is currently being advertised.

Resignations were received from Crescent Park School Ed Tech Andrea Lutzo, THS Math Ed Tech Brandon Look, and John Babbidge, a long-time SAD 44 bus driver.

Murphy said that Elise Berry, Jacqueline DeLal-

lo, and Krystle Gould have been hired as education technicians for Crescent Park School, and Amy Lynn Stevens and Michelle McDonnell have been hired as bus drivers.

He said he had hoped to hire a high school math teacher, but the candidate who was chosen had declined the offer and the position has been re-advertised.

"Math continues to be a difficult position for us to attract candidates, but it's not just SAD 44; it's schools across the state," he said.

(Note: The writer is a substitute teacher for SAD 44 Adult Education.)

## Cemetery plans discussed in Newry

Newry selectmen Monday approved improvements at one cemetery and discussed parking at another. The New Powers Cemetery will get new granite posts and an iron fence at a cost of \$9,054.

Discussion on improving the parking situation at the Sunday River Cemetery was in the context of the current roadwork that is underway on the Sunday River Road. The board talked about making improvements along the edge of the road to make parking safer and more accessible. But abutters expressed concern the plan could diminish the country atmosphere. The board decided to ask engineer Joe Aloisio, who is overseeing the road project, to design a plan to preserve the feel of the area, but provide better parking.

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## The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Some of you readers may recall that a while ago I wrote about receiving an invitation to my 50th class reunion. It has now happened and I found it to be far nicer than I anticipated it to be. In fact it was downright enjoyable.

It was a laid back picnic type of affair and was quite well attended. A great many of my classmates are still living in the area and though they seemed to have some idea what I've been up to over the years, but I can't say that I knew very much about what they've been up to. I guess I haven't been keeping quite as much of a low profile as I thought.

Anyway it was a really nice affair and I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

I couldn't help but to think that a reunion 30 years ago or even 20 years ago would have stressed me out a bit. I probably would have gone with my nicest outfit or if I didn't think I had one, I would have bought one. No doubt I would have had my hair done and even though I don't wear makeup very often I certainly would have then. I probably would have even knocked myself out trying to shed a few pounds before the big event. One wants to look their absolute best when facing their classmates after several years have gone by; or at least one would have at one time.

The first thing I noticed when I arrived at the picnic is that none of us were trying to put on airs of any kind. Yes, it was casual, but I don't think that any of us could have been any more casual than we were. That was really comforting. We have all reached the age when the comfort of our clothing is a lot more important than the style.

That's probably why the reunion committee, smart bunch that they are, chose a picnic setting over something more formal with a dinner and dance scenario. I doubt that many of us could do much dancing without injury to important body parts. Whatever band would be chosen would have to have powerful amps in order for most of us to be able to hear the music. A dinner would have been nice, but we're all on social security and wouldn't be able to afford it anyway and who knows how many of us have teeth that can actually chew anything without choking.

**It was also fun to see a picture of myself and think I was pretty darn hot way back then.**

Another thing I noticed was that the various clicks that existed back in the day were no longer an issue. I so remember when one group of kids wouldn't have anything to do with another group of kids for whatever reason. There were the in kids, the out kids, the loners and the losers. I imagine it is still pretty much like that in high school today, but it sure didn't exist at this reunion. With all of us pushing the higher end of our 60's we have experienced our highs and lows, our joys and sorrows and out grew our pettiness many years ago. It no longer matters who is the prettiest (I thought everyone looked fantastic) or who has the best clothes. Most of us are just happy to be able to get out of bed each morning and take on nourishment.

It was fun to go through old year books and see how young, fresh faced and innocent we all looked. It was also fun to see a picture of myself and think I was pretty darn hot way back then.

I truly believe that all of us there were happy to see each other, share hugs and laughs and enjoy the company. Those feelings really came into perspective when there was a brief memorial for the 30 classmates who are no longer with us. I imagine everyone there felt that we are the lucky ones and I'm sure I wasn't the only one who wondered if my name wouldn't be memorialized at the next class reunion.

Now I'm just getting sentimental, but being around all these people who I grew up with and have memories of our younger years when we had firm bodies and high energy levels will do that to me.

Maybe if my class does a reunion five years from now we will be able to play some interesting games. We could have wheelchair races; a contest to see who amongst the women has the saggiest butt and who amongst the men still have a butt at all.

If any of you readers have the opportunity to attend your class reunion at some point I highly recommend that you do. The way I see it you may be pleasantly surprised how much you will enjoy people you haven't seen in years and you just may see a picture of yourself from all those years ago and be surprised at just how darn hot you were.

AUGUST 25, 2016



From the OCSD

## Patrol Log

Monday, Aug. 15

At 7:50 p.m. a report was received that a jogger on South Pond's Shore Lane in Greenwood was approached aggressively by a car with New Hampshire plates. The driver reportedly yelled that he would run the jogger over as he passed. Deputy Chris Davis was assigned.

At 8:35 p.m. a report was received that a pickup truck had driven by a business on Intervale Road in Bethel and the front passenger fired a paint ball gun out the window.

At 9:05 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to a single vehicle motorcycle/moose accident on Route 5 in Albany. The driver was taken to the hospital by rescue. Maine State Police and the Waterford Fire Department also responded.

Tuesday, Aug. 16

At 8:37 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray investigated a theft complaint at a Songo Pond Road location in Albany. The caller reported someone stole the rims from his pickup truck.

Wednesday, Aug. 17

At 9:19 a.m. Sgt. Matt Baker investigated a complaint of stolen diesel fuel from a railroad work vehicle on Railroad Street in Bethel.

At 9:26 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray investigated a criminal mischief complaint at a Vernon Street location in Albany. The caller reported someone smashed a mailbox overnight. The incident was under investigation.

At 3:12 p.m. a report was received of a subject being harassed on West Bethel Road in Bethel. Deputy Andy Whitney met with the subject.

At 4:46 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of suspicious activity in West Bethel. The incident was under investigation and there was no apparent crime committed.

Thursday, Aug. 18

At 3:28 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to a business on Cross Street in Bethel for a report of a property damage/theft complaint.

Friday, Aug. 19

At 8:19 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald took a report of a theft of a wood stove on Vernon Street in Bethel.

At 1:10 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald received a report of theft on Cross Street in Bethel. The incident was

resolved and the property was returned to the owner.

At 1:21 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald received information in Bethel of possible drug involvement.

At 8:32 p.m. Deputies Steve Witham, Matt McDonnell and Josh Aylward responded to the Intervale Road in Bethel for a report of an intoxicated male driving down the road on a lawn mower. Deputies located the subject, who was on probation. Further investigation revealed the operator, Thomas Monell, 49, of Bethel was intoxicated. he was arrested for OUI.

At 11:04 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to a report of a loud party in Newry. A bachelor party was located, and it was moved inside.

Saturday, Aug. 20

At 7:46 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Newry to investigate a burglary and theft from a shop. Several cases of alcohol were taken and carried off in a stolen golf cart.

At 1:56 p.m. a Railroad Street resident in Bethel reported someone had gotten into their vehicle and gone through everything. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

Sunday, Aug. 21

At 5:14 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to a report someone had entered a house in Bethel. There was no damage or property taken.

## Bethel

By DON BENNETT



The week's news started with history news: (1) the Hottest features for the '56 are in the new Chevrolet as presented in a 1955 Citizen advertisement from Bennett's Garage; (2) another 1955 ad for the Kozy Korner Lunch which featured a small sirloin steak meal with potato, vegetable and beverage for \$1.10 and (3) from the 1979 Citizen an update on the Maine gas shortage for that summer.

During the summer of the 1979 Maine gas shortage, local chambers of commerce collected gas situation reports for their areas and called them to an Augusta number each Friday. Canadians headed for Old Orchard learned to fill their tanks before crossing into Maine. Many carried full gas cans with them. A number of them continued going so after the Maine gas shortage ended. One person commented: As newlyweds, my husband and I drove from Bethel to Pensacola, Florida towing a U-Haul trailer in June 1979. We could only get \$5 worth from Maine to Virginia. Then we could buy \$8 worth from there to Florida. Once in Florida it became unlimited. It was quite an adventure as I recall. Bethel's gas stations that year were: Bridge Street Gulf, Charlie's Chevron, Yankee Grocer, L&F Country Store, Ripley & Fletcher and Bethel

Shell.

New Campus Walkway Entrance from High Street A landscaper from the Garden Goddess of Norway finished laying a new stone-tile surface to the High Street entrance of Gould's sidewalk that links the Academy's science building with Hanscom Hall and Church Street (i.e. the old High Street). Wear and tear had created a walking hazard and had become unsightly.

Another business moves to Mayville Brent Badone has moved his Pine Tree Glass Art store to the Mayville Junction building from its Parkway Plaza quarters. Their new store is larger, lighter, plus enhanced new display cases and a super duper new floor finish. Green thumb people may know the Badone's better for their Allium Farm in West Sumner which is represented at "Farmers At The Market" on Main Street Bethel in front of DiCocco's Market.

Open up those pipes Bethel's Public Works and Bethel's Waste Water (Sewer) crews were hard at work last Wednesday morning to get the town office flows flowing. Tree roots had stopped the storm water drain causing some basement flooding due to Bethel's only rainy day recently and then a broken sewer pipe caused a more important stoppage

Railroad maintenance - old ties out - new ties in Thursday, railroad track

maintenance crews were employing special equipment to remove deteriorated ties from the rail siding that runs by the station. The old ties were "sld" out and new ones inserted. The Bethel Station platform was a good place to watch this operation. In a later photo one can see where new ties replace the old ones that were removed.

Weaker falls at Screw Auger Falls Friday all three generations of our family enjoyed a quick visit to Screw Auger Falls and to Step Falls. The usual sized summer crowd of visitors was at Screw Auger Falls but the water flow over the falls was noticeably down. We also stopped at Step Falls and, to our surprise; there was comfortable parking room in the parking area. No cars lined Route 26.

Trappers Weekend This year's gathering of trapper exhibitors and crews must have enjoyed the really fine weather. Bethel Bait Tackle and More had a very good looking exhibit up front, close to the main entrance. Since Neil Olson's place is in Bethel, it is probably not correct to say that Sarah Lane's and Jeremy Fredette's business was the only "Bethel" exhibitor I saw there, but it was. (Savage Portable Toilets was well represented, too.)

Each year there is a special "catch the eel" scramble for kids. This year I got to the tent just as it was closing for the day when a boy asked the man

in charge if he could kiss the big eel. Since I had my camera out and the fellow in charge saw I was ready to take a picture, he grabbed the biggest eel and held up so I could get a shot of the boy kissing the eel much to the amusement of the small crowd that was still at the eel tent.

Since I usually do not know these groups and businesses exhibiting at the fair, I seldom talk with any of them. This time however a gentleman from Plymouth, N.H. and I had a chat about cameras. He had just autographed a young girl's name collection paper when he saw that I had taken a photo of his display of Indian regalia. He wanted to know what kind of camera I had and said it looked very much like his Kodak. So he left his tent for a quick trip to his van to get his camera. It turned out that his Kodak and my Canon were very much the same. So we chatted briefly about taking photos.

To see the photos I took go to <http://www.thebetheljournal.info/trappers2016.htm>.

## Bethel

By LINDA HOWE



joy a professional hip-hop performance and listen to

a powerful speaker. It is a short ride up to Berlin, New Hampshire where the St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts is located which is a former Irish, Catholic Church. St. Kieran Community Center partnered with the Weatherlane Theatre to bring the Patchwork Players to Berlin, NH for an 11:00 am all-ages show. This professional theater troop brought to life a performance of "Robin Hood." It is a classic story of social justice retold in a hip-hop musical. The cast of 10 had beautiful, strong voices. There rhythm and dance was infectious and lots of fun. It was an hour show that was full of energy. When the show was over the cast stood at the back of the Church and thanked us for attending their show but it was the audience that was grateful for such an uplifting, talented performance.

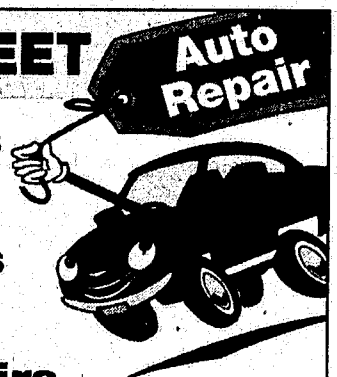
On Sunday, August 14th Sister Bernadette Gautreau was a guest speaker at the 9:00 am Service at the Bethel United Methodist Church. She is a retired Catholic Nun with the Sisters of St. Chretienne (SSCH). In 1962 at the age of 28 years old she was sent to Fox Lake Reservation to live among the Cree of the Little Red River Nation in Northern Alberta, Canada. It is so remote that she could not find it on a map and had to use an atlas to locate the region. She was flown in by a bush plane and spent 50 years living with the Cree Indians. She said her job was to convert the "pagans" but when she took off her blinders it

was she who was changed by the experience. She learned that the Cree Indians spirituality ran deep. They did not know who Jesus Christ was and they had never heard of the Devil but they knew a lot about God their creator. Everything in their lives was a gift and they thanked the Creator every day by praying 4 times a day. She said they were beautiful people who were very generous and shared everything that they had. When she came back to her home town of Mexico, Maine to retire she bought a pair of shoes but they came off because her feet developed corns and bunions. The moccasins that she wore on her feet were beautiful. Soft leather with exquisite bead work. She told some funny stories. One story goes that when the dentist was flown in for a dental check the young Cree Children knew the dentist was on that bush plane so they would all run and hide in the forest because they didn't want their teeth pulled. She ended her talk by playing a moose skinned drum and singing in Cree. It was very moving. Sister Bernadette who is now a Native American Consultant will be speaking again at the Bethel United Methodist Church on October 9th. Plans are also underway for a Saturday workshop at the Church on the Philosophy of the "Medicine Wheel." Stayed tuned!

On a visiting note I stopped and wished Joan Cole a happy birthday

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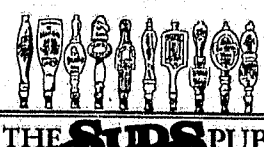
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Track maintenance work on the railroad near the Bethel Station. D. Bennett photos

on Friday, Aug. 19. While I was there Richard Duplessis from Pooh Corner Farm and Florist delivered some beautiful flowers from her children. Speaking of visiting Jim Young of Bethel, Maine and Shonna Young from Roanoke, Va. visited Josh Young of New York City recently and had a nice visit. Folks wishing to share some news can reach me by e-mail at lhowe7273@gmail.com or by phone at 824-2328.

### East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



When I settled down to make the phone calls and write this column, I realized that the refreshing breeze coming in, is actually kind of cold. Needless to say, I closed the window. First sign of Fall approaching before we know it. Remember to call me at 507-1008 or e-mail richcracker@gmail.com and give me your nominations for our mock elections for mayor and governor of East Bethel. Don't be shy and join the fun. A message on Facebook is another option to get in touch with me. Trappers Weekend was a success as usual. I will get details from Neil for next week. I felt he must be busy with clean up and

### West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



Chilly waves served with salt sting my skin. My senses are renewed as I savor the briny brew and feel the tide's force surge through me. I am playing on the beach with three youngsters all under twelve. Seth promises to get me into the frosty ocean water and teach me to body surf. It's my second trip to the Atlantic shore this summer. My first was Scarborough Beach in June and now I am amusing myself at Hampton Beach in New Hampshire. Erin and her three boys are renting a cottage on the northern edge of the resort area near Route 27, locally known as High Street. We are able to hear the ocean from our bedroom and feel the refreshing breezes that blow all the way through the house. After a morning of surf

and sand, we enjoy a hot outdoor shower and lunch of sandwiches and chips. A short drive away we find the boardwalk, shopping, eating, and what the boys have been begging for, the arcade. It worked out perfect as there were three adults and three kids. Each boy was given \$10 to spend and it didn't take long to spend those quarters. Running willy-nilly throughout the arcade, we all had fun watching the youngsters and witnessed the pure excitement and joy of childhood. Tired and hungry, we motored seven miles into Rye to Petey's Summertime Seafood, a well-known lobster eatery and chow down on the fresh seafood. It was worth the hour plus wait. A shout out to Aaron Paul, Stephen Paul and Sarah Paul who are all celebrating birthdays this week. May you days be pleasant and carefree.

### Andover

By JANE RICH



Don't forget, this week's concert on the bandstand will feature Dave Mallet. Concert begins at 6 p.m. Weather permitting, it will be on the common and the extended forecast looks good. If it rains, the concert will be at the Andover Congregational Church. On Saturday Upton had their annual fun day

which went well. The day was concluded by a worship service at the Upton Union Church featuring music as all who participated voiced the old adage that "he who sings well, prays twice." Sammy Angel from Dixfield was the featured musical artist who put a new beat onto some of the old gospel favorites. Church members Dave Tucker and Bob Hudson performed two numbers "The Gift of Love" and "Panis Angelicus." I believe the Andover Public Library is still looking for a Trustee and interested persons have until Aug. 31 to apply. Call Janet at the library and leave your name at 392-4841. The Roxbury ATV Riders Club has on their schedule for this coming Saturday participation in the Turner Timberlands ATV Club's Kora Shrine for Kids Ride In.

September activities include Oquossoc ATV Club Poker Run on the 3rd and the Cambridge Corn Field Ride to benefit Make a Wish on the 17th. The annual Western Maine ATV Club Toy Ride will take place Sept. 24. Only one date for October is scheduled and that is the 8th which is the Fall Foliage Ride and the Lee Hodgkin's Memorial Rifle Ride. On the same day there will be an ATV club ride in Oquossoc. TOWN OFFICE NEWS: By the time you read this the Selectmen will have committed the taxes and to no one's surprise there is an increase which is due to several factors: an increase in the Education assessment, a raise in county tax and we raised more money at Town Meeting than in 2015. The tax picture was also influenced by a number of properties lost due to fires and demolitions. New properties did not exceed the losses. So I will do what I don't usually do in this column—make some comments which are my own and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the other Selectmen. Our town needs to take a serious look at how we govern. At this point in time, we have no plans in place for road or bridge replacement. The Selectmen are overburdened with assessing issues due to the fact that we have not had a reval in 30 years. We seem to go from one crisis to another as evidenced by the recent problem with the Akers Bridge. Surely a town who can come together for 36 years of Old Home Day can come together to solve our government problems. The Selectmen will be working on these issues as much as time permits. Quite frankly, I expect there will be numerous complaints and problems once tax bills are received. So much so that it would be beneficial to citizens as well as the Selectmen to have a couple of opportunities outside of the Tuesday night meeting to answer questions and have any errors brought before us. Pending approval of the entire board dates and times for these information gathering events will be posted.

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# Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



I'm still feeling the glow from Greenwood's Bicentennial Celebration. It's wonderful to drive through town and see everything so tidy and spruced up. I won't try to name everyone who had a hand in helping the town look its best for its 200th birthday, because I'd be sure to leave someone out, but I did want to give a big shout-out to Butch Fuller.

Butch worked as hard as ten people, and was involved in so many different aspects of the celebration - painting and renovating the Town Hall; mowing all along Main Street; cleaning up the debris left from the old storage building near the dam; building mounts for the posters the historical society put up around town; bringing the Civil War reenactors to town for marching, music, and muster; playing on two consecutive evenings with the Shadagee Ramblers; and probably a lot more that I don't know about. Thanks, Butch!

As I write this on Monday afternoon, it's 65 degrees out. Quite a change from most afternoons this summer! I'm not ready to say goodbye to summer yet, but from the forecast it doesn't look like I'll have to - we should be back in the 80s in a day or two.

As much as I love summer, I do have to admit that the cooler weather is very energizing. This morning I washed and hung out four loads of laundry, worked in the garden, and, after the grass dried out a little from last night's rain, mowed the part of the lawn I hadn't gotten to yesterday.

My daughter Cait, who lives in Colorado, had challenged a few friends who use Fitbits to a Work Week Challenge to see who can get the most steps

between Monday and Friday. Once you join the challenge, you can see how many steps each competitor is racking up. About mid-afternoon, seeing that she and I had about the same number of steps for the day (about 17,000), she texted me, "What in the heck are you doing? I went on a 7.5 mile hike - what are YOU up to?"

The large gaggle of Canada geese I've been seeing all summer seems to have split up. I counted one group of 11 a couple of weeks ago, and another of eight. I guess that probably means that there were only 19 are left of the original 30 or so, which had dwindled to 22 the last time I saw them all together.

If that's the case, there aren't more than 18 left now, because a few days ago, when I was walking around North Pond, I saw that one of the adult geese had been hit and killed on Route 26.

As I've said, those geese do make an awful mess, leaving dog-sized droppings everywhere. They're also destructive to gardens (and apparently, lawns, since I've seen them pulling up the newly-seeded grass near the new house on the old Jordan's Restaurant lot). Still, I hate to see any animal get hit by a car.

It must have happened just before I walked by. What really broke my heart was that I know Canada geese mate for life, and the other adult and the six mostly-grown babies were hanging around on the grass near the entrance to Littlefield's Beaches, acting lost. Then, when I drove by three hours later, they were still there. I guess they must have eventually moved on; I'll have to keep my eye out for a single parent with his or her flock.

A celebration of the life of Sandra Mason will be held this Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at the Locke Mills Union Church Sunday school room. Her daughter

Julie Whitman writes, "Mom wanted us to gather together to eat, laugh and visit."

On Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m., Julia Bennett will present a program on the life and photographs of Nettle Cummings Maxim. The program will highlight the life of this outstanding photographer who lived on Bird Hill and photographed Greenwood area scenes and people. It will be illustrated by many of her photographs, many of which have not been previously seen. This will be the last program of the year for the Greenwood Historical Society.

E-mail me your news at amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, find me on Facebook, or give me a call at 875-5511. Have a great week!

# Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Thanks from Sam Sam Miele of Hanover extended her

deepest appreciation and thanks to the crowd of over 100 people at last week's Pie Night Fundraiser hosted by the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library Trustees and Bruce and Shirley Powell of Stony Brook Variety and Campground. Members of the surrounding communities of Rumford, Bethel, Greenwood, Bryant Pond, Peru and Hanover turned out in support of Sam who is recovering from an attack by a dog this past winter. Funds raised will assist Sam with ongoing medical and living expenses.

Over 50 delicious pies donated by the guests and ladies of the Hanover library were served under the Stony Brook Pavilion. There were meat pies, quiches, and dessert pies and Stony Brook prepared pizzas for the hungry crowd. There were raffles, prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Many thanks to those individuals and local area

businesses who donated prizes including River View Resort, Bethel Outdoor Adventure, Jade's Salon, Davey Bennet, Stony Brook Campground and Variety, the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library Trustees, and Tuesday afternoon Busy Bees. Thank you to Jane and Debbie of Jade's Salon who helped to organize and promote the event, to Gary Fleming who missed out on all the fun while back at the Stony Brook kitchen making pizzas for the crowd, to Shirley and Bruce Powell and daughter Kristen and granddaughter Gabrielle who helped with the setup, decorating, and festivities, to Sue Harrington of We Party for the balloons, and to the women of the Library who baked, cut and served pies the entire evening.

It is heartwarming to know what a community will do when someone is in need. To all those who attended this event: many thanks for your generous donations and support of another Pie Night Benefit in Hanover.

# Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The days are getting shorter and August is slipping away. Way too fast. September means less humidity and cooler nights for better sleeping.

My brother, Steve McLain, delivered some of his delicious produce from his garden. He said that something had been eating a few of his tomatoes. So far, we have not had any problems with little critters eating our tomatoes.

On Aug. 16, Hugh and I went to Tim and Michele's for Sidney's birthday party. Besides her parents, there were her other grandparents, Leo and Ann Croteau; her Uncle Tom Goulet; her brothers and sister, Ajay Landry,

William Chapman and Annie Chapman; the neighbors, Aaron, Nikki and daughter, Lilly; and then some of her friends, Jordan Guilmette, Daniela Daniels and Braydon Riendeau.

Bob and Judy Bishop have been staying at the Bethel Inn this past week. They attended some of the events at the Greenwood Bicentennial while they were in town. Last Thursday, they called and invited us to lunch at Rooster's Roadhouse. It was a belated 50th Anniversary lunch. We had a great time and many thanks to Bob and Judy.

Norm Buttrick and Cathy McGuire and the four legged members of their family, Gilead (a Springer Spaniel) and Daisy (a Yellow Lab) stopped by last Sunday. Daisy is the newest member of the family and is only a few months old.

# Town Office

Carole Mason is doing a great job keeping the cemeteries and grounds looking good. The tree that fell into the Chapman Cemetery has been removed and the tall grass in the Peabody Cemetery has been conquered. The T.G. Lary (Lary North) is looking really good.

The new attendant at the Transfer Station is John Olson. He received training on the compactor and seems to be doing well. Many thanks to Matt Sweetser, who has tended the Transfer Station for the past few years.

Last Saturday, Gilead Fire Chief Randall Gordin attended the funeral services for Raymond Chandler, retired fire chief of Gorham, N.H.

# Gilead Historical Society

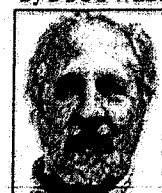
Last Thursday, when Hugh and I were leaving for Bethel, there were two women on bicycles in front of the town office. We stopped for a minute and talked with them. They came from the Bartlett, N.H. area and had bicycled from Shelburne, N.H.

to Gilead. We did not have time to open the buildings so we exchanged information and will set up a time for them to visit the GHS when they are back in the area.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

# Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



I haven't had any calls on bear incidents lately. I'm not sure if the bears

have moved along or if people are getting used to them. I did give a suggestion from Estelle Harrington. She said if you want to get rid of a nuisance bear, you should use hot sauce and disguise it with something sweet to get the bear to eat it. She had a specific hot sauce. I've seen it at many places, and I always remember the bottle, but don't know the name. I've had it on popcorn at Three Dollar Dewey's in Portland, and it's definitely hot! I suppose any hot sauce might do the trick. I hope that this first bear season is over and let the next one begin.

This year's berry crop was hit hard by the drought. My blackberry patch has a lot of berries, but they are small and flavorless.

Well summer is about over. I hope everyone got a chance to do all their projects and do all the fun stuff they had planned. The next week's weather looks very nice, so get out and enjoy it. Until the next time...

# Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



This past week was a busy one for us. Tuesday evening we were at the S. Paris Veterans Home for a picnic the Maine American

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Legion 5th District puts on for the residents every August. The Oxford County American Legion posts rotate responsibility for hosting this picnic every year. This year it was South Paris Post 72 Legion post and auxiliary who hosted at the Vet Home, and they did an excellent job. We in Bethel Post 81 will be responsible for next year's picnic, and we will endeavor to do every bit as well as South Paris did this year.

On Wednesday morning we took Katrina to her appointment with an orthopedic surgeon in Lewiston for a consult about her left foot: she had severed one of the tendons to the big toe on her left foot. After about two hours, Kate emerged with her left foot bandaged, a pair of crutches and an appoint for surgery on her foot for the next Tuesday. This delay left Mona and I without time to make lunch to make our 2 p.m. appointment with a dermatologist. We both had spots where we had been treated for small carcinomas about a year ago. We were supposed to go to a meeting Wed evening at the Veterans Home, but we were out of energy before then.

Saturday was picnic day at Craig and Jane Ryerson's Twitchel Pond camp site, where we enjoyed the waterfront and visiting with family. Secondly, we celebrated my and Jane's birthdays which occurred Wed and Thurs. Following that picnic we headed to the West Bethel Union church for a public supper among more friends!

To cap off the busy week, Mona attended a baby shower after church for Mona's granddaughter Mary Ann Wentworth's first child, expected soon.



EARLY LEARNING OLYMPICS-In celebration of the 2016 Olympics in Rio the Bethel Early Learning Center put on a Summer Olympics theme activity with pre-K children, including fun obstacle courses outside and around town where running, army crawling, crab walking backwards, jumping and many more fun Olympic like activities. The children learned it's not all about winning, but cheering each other on and being a team. Submitted photo

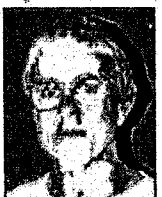
I headed down to the Legion Hall for our Post 81 summer picnic, where I served as "chief chef," serving up the burgers and hot dogs. Following that picnic, I scurried up to Dan and Nancy Grover's abode to catch the tail end of the church picnic there while Mona labored at cleaning our camper for our fall "migration."

Tuesday morning Shiloh and I headed across my little field on our little morning walk, when Shiloh started galloping back and forth across the unmowed middle (I let the milkweeds grow for the monarch butterflies) of the field his nose to the ground. Suddenly, a hen turkey started squawking and fluttering downhill towards the woods, Shiloh right on her tail. The bird outdistanced Shiloh, so he headed back to where she had lifted off in such a clatter. I saw the big bird then

circle back and make a very low level strafing run on the dog, missing him by inches. This again attracted Shiloh's attention, and he again pursued her back toward the woods, only stopping to answer the call of nature (No.2). By then I was able to get Shiloh's attention and we finished our walk in the woods, flushing 3 juvenile partridges in the process. I never saw the baby turkeys, but I knew by the mother's actions that they were there!

### Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange #124 met at the Grange Hall on Monday, Aug. 15 for a regular meeting. Next meeting will be Sept. 19 for Installation of Officers, with a potluck supper before the meeting. Supper at 6 p.m.,

7 p.m. meeting. The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, Sept. 1 at the Masonic Hall; 11:30 meeting followed by dinner by the Star Birthday Club.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School for all ages at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, also Bloom for Girls. The Bloom girls are having a yard sale on Saturday, Aug. 27. This is to benefit the summer camp next year. If you have any donations they would gladly accept them.

Sunday, Aug. 28 is "Back to School Sunday" with give-aways to all students who attend. Any student is invited. Sunday, Sept. 11 the Gibbons family, our missionaries to Argentina, will be here all day.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, most of our family met at Cross-tone Restaurant for din-

ner to celebrate my birthday and Ken and me on our 62nd anniversary. We had a great time and a nice dinner.

Maggie Hoyt from Texas is visiting her dad, James, and Charlene Hoyt and other families in the area for a few days.

### Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Only mid-August and they are already talking about cold. Hard to believe this weekend it was over 90 and tonight they say it will be 45-49 at night. That is OK. We take what we get.

Friend Francine was by for a couple of days as her solar car was having difficulties again. Was good to see her and know she is OK. She fixed the car mostly by herself those days. Now I wait for others to do the same. I remember those days.

Nice to be out in this good weather. I can talk on the phone and not have to worry about the heat and sun.

Don't know what happened to last week's column. I sent it and it disappeared. Cyber theft? Or just plain lost.

Saturday, Aug. 27 there will be a Sale at the Christ Episcopal Church from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a large selection of household items, jewelry china, books, etc. There is breakfast and lunch for a small fee.

Aug. 27 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. there will be a casserole supper sponsored by AM-VETS Post 777 at the VFW Post 9787 at 58 Lower Main Street in South Paris. Adults are \$8 and children 12 and under are \$4. Come and enjoy a great meal.

Caution, Oxford Police will be conducting a sobri-

ety check point on Sept. 2 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

That is all for this week. Hopefully this will arrive and you can read what I wrote. If you want to add stuff for future weeks, please call me at 743-0583. Leave a message.

### So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Thursday Aug. 18, 2016 Well, good afternoon dear readers, sorry for no column the past few weeks but medical issues and packing have prevented me from getting my column in on time.

Condolences are going out to the families of Barbara Gowell and Maurice Paul. Thoughts and prayers to each family member.

Our thoughts and get well prayers are still going out to Carol Cox, Sarah Miclon, John Cox, Peggy Roberts, Barbara Yeaton and all those who are not feeling well.

Am loving the fresh garden produce we get from Cooper's Farm Stand. And they have the best Whoopie pies.

And don't forget they have their own meats, steaks, hamburger, roasts, chops and other items, we buy very little

meat from the stores, I prefer to buy local.

Down East Country Music Association is holding their 36th Annual awards Show on, Aug. 28 at the Silver Spur Club (Route 121) in Mechanic Falls. Doors open at 11 a.m.... Show starts at 12 noon. There will be a 50/50 drawing, raffles and food bar. For more information call Jackie@793-8884 or Shirley@674-5908

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## Maine Outdoor Film Festival to screen films at The Gem

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The programming includes:

**SCREENING SCHEDULE**

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Directed by: Joel Osgood, Maine

Run Time: 27 minutes

Synopsis: Joel Osgood and his brother Moksha visit Maine's lesser known, smaller ski mountains and in between hitting the slopes, interviews the hill owners and long time locals. This is a big-hearted project that shines a light on community, family, and healthy outdoor recreation.

**THE MORE THINGS CHANGE**

Directed by: Nathan Myers, Bali

Run Time: 27 minutes

Synopsis: Shot on location here at Uluwatu Surf Villas, the documentary follows Gerry back to Uluwatu and G-Land for his first time in over 20 years, and nearly 40 years since his first visit.

**BRUHWILER**

Directed by: Keith Malloy, Canada

Run Time: 8 minutes

Synopsis: This section tells the story of Raph Bruhwiler who if its hunting season can be found in the forest tracking black tail deer when the surf is not all time. Vancouver Island is a pretty amazing place.

**LAST THOUGHTS ON THE DIRTBAG**

Directed by: Cairns Greg

Colorado, United States

Run Time: 6 minutes

Synopsis: How do you show tribute to something that has given you everything? Last Thoughts On The Dirtbag is a poetic and visceral journey through the heart of a climber, in Indian Creek, the crack climbing

Mecca of the world. With footage of some of the most classic climbs in The Creek, married with a rich and reflective poem, this film portrays the climber as a searcher, someone who is restless with the average American sedentary lifestyle, and desires for more.

**MORE THAN JUST PARKS | ACADIA**

Directed by: Jim Pattiz, Will Pattiz, United States

Run Time: 5 minutes

Synopsis: MTJP | Acadia is the culmination of several weeks spent exploring Acadia National Park during peak fall color. This film is, in part, a celebration of Acadia's upcoming centennial. It is dedicated to renowned philanthropist and conservationist George Dorr. Sculpted by Glaciers and landscaped by beavers, Acadia is full of wonderfully unique features. Rounded mountains, tranquil ponds, rocky coastline, & some of the most beautiful trails in the world comprise this marvelous wonder.

**A GOOD DAY**

Directed by: Arthur Bell, Vermont

Run Time: 3 minutes

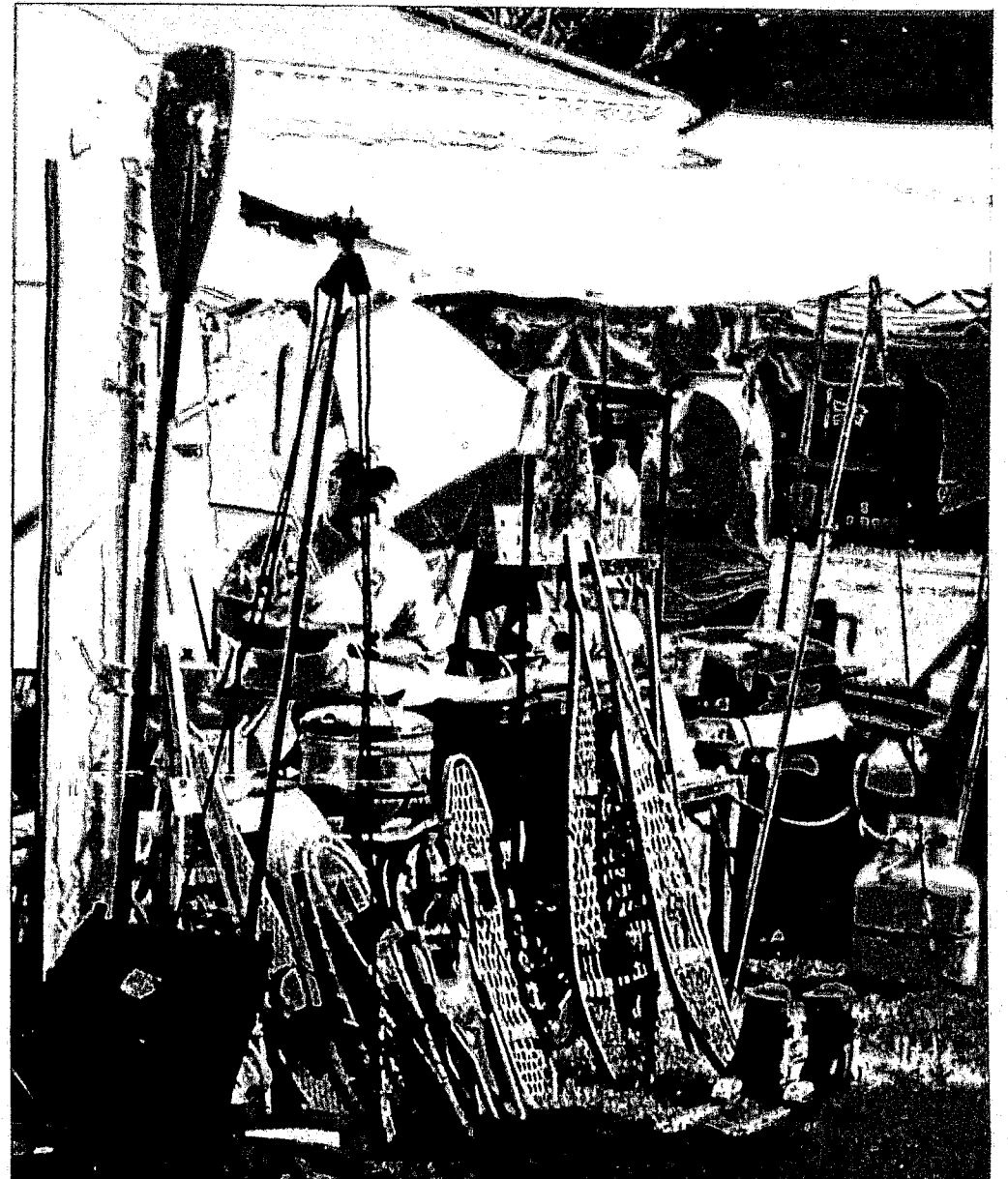
Synopsis: The only good day this year on the lake.

For a trailer go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQiy42VDvbk>

The screening will also feature Alex (A.L.) Poland's "Fly Fishing Nuances," a selection from our "Broke and Stoked" competition, in which local filmmakers produce short films in the hopes of winning a cash prize and more.

Commenting on the screenings, Mahcosue Pathways Executive Director Gabe Perkins of Bethel said MP's mission "is dedicated to connecting communities and we are stoked to the kickoff the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend with the Maine Outdoor Film Festival at the Gem Theater. This unique film fest highlights the type of the activities that the community loves."

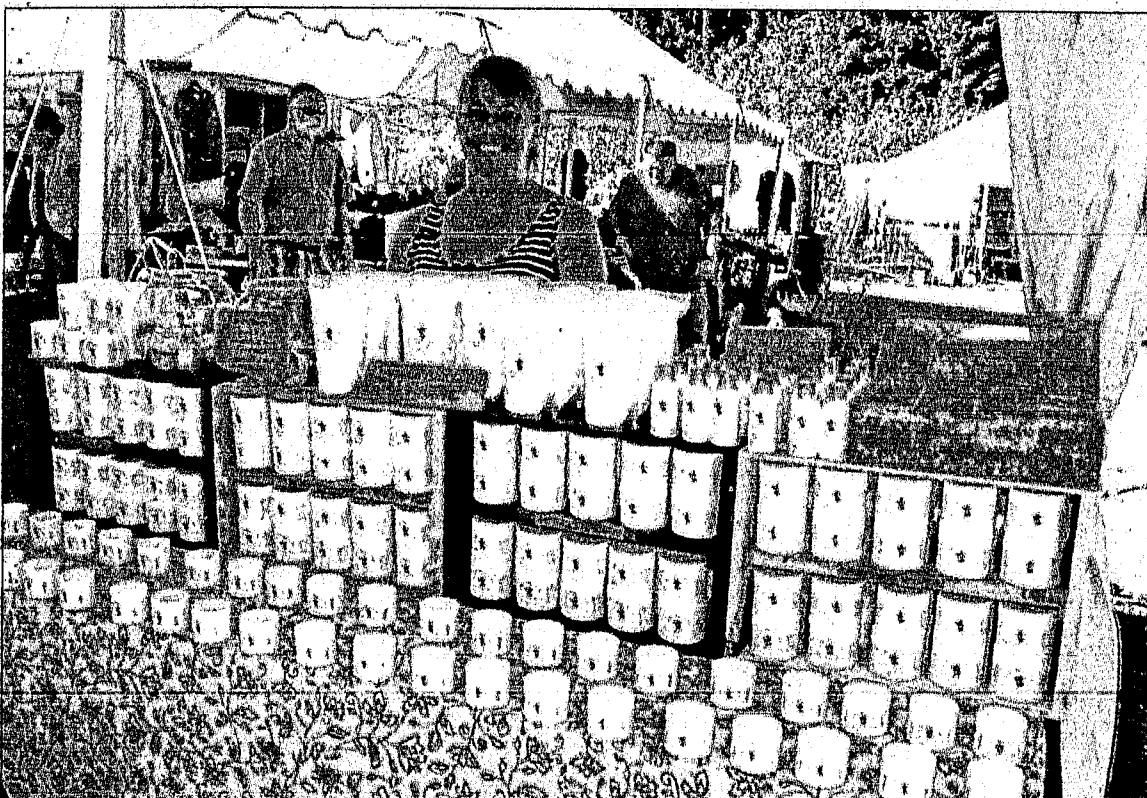
## 40th annual New England Trappers Weekend



Trappers from far and wide gathered this past weekend at Neil Olson's in East Bethel for the 40th annual New England Trappers Weekend. A variety of demonstrations, contests and vendors were featured. Clockwise, from top left: a boy kisses an eel at the conclusion of the "Eel Scramble" competition for youngsters; Mark Kelley and Shawn Hutchins from upstate New York enjoy conversation and breakfast behind snowshoes and

other wares they offered; pelts on display from Glacier Wear of Greenville; a fawn on display by Tina and Rick Crowe of the Princeton Rod 'n Gun Club; Gina Harlow of South Paris with her display of Queen Bee Herbal (soon to be "Mainely Skin Care") products; a row of vendors in Olson's field.

Photos: eel, D. Bennett; others, A. Aloisio



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## Bethel Harvestfest Sept. 17

Bethel Harvestfest and Chowdah Cookoff, a quintessential fall festival now in its 19th year, will take place Sept. 17 on Bethel's town common.

The chowder contest anchors the event, with up to a dozen local restaurants putting forth their best recipes. "There are no restrictions on ingredients, so chefs like to get creative," said Jessie Perkins, event organizer at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Locally-grown baked potatoes and corn plus food off the grill will also be available.

The schedule includes live music most of the day, free horse-drawn wagon rides, kids' craft activities, a chainsaw carving demonstration, and special events around town.

More than 40 vendors comprising artists, craft-

ers, farms, and local nonprofits will round out the offerings on the town common. Vendor applications are still being accepted.

"Harvest time is an especially beautiful time of the year when people naturally want to gather together," said Perkins. "The Harvestfest & Chowdah Cookoff is a fun way to celebrate that time and that feeling."

Bakers from near and far are invited to compete in the apple pie contest, which has three categories: professional bakers, amateur traditional recipe (consisting of a double-crust pie filled with apples, sugar, and spices), and amateur non-traditional recipe, which allows bakers to show off their creativity with any ingredients. Winners in each category will take

home gift certificates donated by the Good Food Store. After the pies are judged, slices will be sold.

Bethel Harvestfest & Chowdah Cookoff is presented by Hancock Lumber and organized by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Additional sponsorship was provided by Stephens Memorial Hospital, Smokin' Good BBQ, Good Food Store & Catering Co., Mahosuc Realty & Rentals, River View Resort, Norway Savings Bank, Pepsi Beverages Company, Allen's Coffee Brandy, Oxford Casino, Oakhurst Dairy, and Sysco of Northern New England. For information on entering the chowder or apple pie contests, volunteering, becoming a vendor, and a detailed schedule, visit [www.bethelharvestfest.com](http://www.bethelharvestfest.com).

## Upcoming classes at SAD 44 Adult Ed

We are gearing up for our fall season and are pleased to be offering over forty classes and workshops for knowledge, fun and well-being. Along with academic preparation for high school equivalency (HiSET) and College transition, we have many music, craft and informational classes beginning this fall. Our flyer should arrive in your mailbox in early September. Here is a preview of our courses.

We are offering ten music classes this year taught by Simon Smith and Paul Cormier including guitar, ukulele, fiddle, African drumming, voice and music history. Bridget Whitman will be back teaching Waltz, Chacha, and Swing. Donna Gillis will guide students through the quilting process to make a beautiful

three dimensional holiday quilt. Tanya Quarterman is offering six classes for wellness and psychic development. Nearer the holidays, there will be a wreath making workshop at Pooh Corner Farm.

The Dunham Farm in Greenwood will host two classes: one on affordable gluten free cooking and another to learn about maple sugaring. If you have ever wanted to get into sugaring this is a great class to take. You will learn what you have to get ready for this next sugaring season.

Another new class this fall is Beginner Conversational Spanish. This eight week course might be just the thing to keep you from ordering jabon (soap) in a restaurant rather than jamon (ham). I could have used this information before my trip to Spain.

Several of our fall courses are designed to help you gain workplace skills or knowledge that could help you get or keep a job. Servsafe Food Managers certification, Babysitting, Substitute Teachers' Training, and First Aid and CPR are all taking place this fall. There are several one-time workshops scheduled also, including Intro to Self-Employment and a career decision class called 'My Next Move'.

Watch our column for upcoming information. New classes are added all the time. More information can be found by calling the Adult Education office at 824-2136, ext. 1340, or by visiting the website at [sad44.maineadulted.org](http://sad44.maineadulted.org).

## Age Friendly Community news

Can it be that summer's winding down? But with the fading of all the family, fun and sun comes the beginning of the Western Mountains Senior College fall term. As always, membership is an annual fee of \$25, and most classes are \$20. You may "test" the WMSC experience by taking your first class without being a member, but paying the full tuition - and of course, you may join at any time. In addition, there are many public programs and events that are free and open to the public and non-members.

Course bulletins have just gone out, and you can access general college information (no current class information) on the WMSC website ([http://sad44.maineadulted.org/western\\_mountains\\_senior\\_college](http://sad44.maineadulted.org/western_mountains_senior_college)). For up-to-date news, course descriptions, registration information, and much more, visit the WMSC blog, which is updated weekly (<http://wmscollege.blogspot.com/>).

Be watching here for more news on regular classes and free, public programs. Very special this term will be a performance of an original musical work set to Richard Blanco's inaugural poem.

Mahosuc Land Trust, in conjunction with the Age-Friendly Community Initiative and Maine Adaptive Sports, has applied for a grant to build an accessible trail on the Valentine Farm Conservation Center on the North Road. Mike Cooper is designing the trail to meet USFS guidelines for wheelchairs and strollers and walkers. It will include several viewing areas, accessible benches, a picnic table, and a fitness portion for all abilities. With grant approval, the trail will be built in 2017. Be watching for progress updates! FMI on any of the above: Nancy Davis ([nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com](mailto:nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com), 381-1110).

## Mollycokett Chorus performance

The Mollycokett Chorus will once again perform its successful "The Women's Book Club" show on Friday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Universalist Church of Norway. The performance will be cabaret style with table seating, munchies and refreshments.

This year's show, "The Women's Book Club", weaves the chorus' repertoire of ballads, up-tunes, and show tunes into a parody of popular book titles. The group's four-part, a cappella harmony, known familiarly as barbershop, attracted a full house earlier in the summer at both the Lovell Brick Church and Poland Spring Preservation Society's Summer Series.

Tickets include the show and refreshments and may be purchased ahead from Chorus members or at the door beginning at 7 p.m.

The Mollycokett Chorus, now completing its 20th year as a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, rehearses Tuesday evenings at the First Universalist Church of Norway, 479 Main Street, Norway, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Women who are interested may visit the chorus at a rehearsal. More information is available on the chorus website, [www.mollycokettchorus.org](http://www.mollycokettchorus.org), or by calling Jan at 364-4102.

## Cain to be guest of honor

US Congressional Candidate Emily Cain will be the guest of honor at the Oxford County Democrats annual BBQ at the University of Maine 4-H camp in Bryant Pond on Sunday, Aug. 28. Others guests will include Maine Democratic Party leaders, as well as Democrats seeking office in Oxford County. A special recognition award will be given to Roy Gedat of Naples, who was a longtime resident of Norway, serving as County Treasurer, as well as treasurer for the Oxford County Democrats.

The BBQ will begin with social time on the waterfront at 4:30, with the meal in the dining hall at 5:30, followed by the program. Campaigns will have lawn

signs, stickers and such, and it is hoped that a good supply of Clinton/Kaine signs will have arrived. The menu will include burgers, including veggie burgers, hot dogs, an assortment of salads, and a fruit crisp for dessert. Tickets are \$20 at the door, with a special price of \$12 for students. Please RSVP by calling 875-2116, or e-mailing [info@oxforddems.org](mailto:info@oxforddems.org) or using the RSVP on the event listing on Facebook. This helps with the food count.

For information and photographs regarding the Oxford County Democrats visit the website, [www.oxforddems.org](http://www.oxforddems.org) or the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems>.

## NAMI coming events

NAMI Western Mountains affiliate has several events and courses coming up in September and October. On Thursday, Sept. 1, a NAMI Family to Family education course for families friends and caregivers of persons living with mental illness will start in Norway, (contact Diane: 514-3720 or Jess: 418-8349).

A spaghetti supper and Chinese auction on Sept. 10 at the Calvin Lyons Hall in Mexico at 5 p.m. is a fundraiser for the Western Mountains team in the annual NAMI Maine walk.

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, a Family to Family course will start in Harrison (contact Susan: 583-8054), and

on Thursday, Sept. 22, a Family to Family course will start at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington (contact Sue: 418-7904).

Also, on Sunday, Sept. 25, the Western Mountains walk team will take part in the annual NAMI Maine walk fundraiser at SMCC in South Portland. The team is seeking walkers and donations to help bring NAMI programs and outreach to Oxford and Franklin counties. All funds raised in Maine stay in Maine, and half of funds raised by the affiliate's team are to be used to help bring NAMI education, programs and events

to this area. Please contact Dottie, leader of the affiliate at 364-2197 or go to [www.namimaine.org](http://www.namimaine.org) walk and choose Western Mountains team to walk with and/or donate to. Thanks.

A NAMI Basics course for families with children under 18 with mental health problems will be held in Rumford (contact NAMI Maine 1-800-464-5767). And, an Inspiring Minds 10 module class for persons living with mental health issues will be held this fall in Rumford Point on dates to be announced (contact: Sue at 418-7904).

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Aug. 26

**Greenwood Fiddle Jam;** 6-9 p.m. at the Greenwood Town Hall, Rte. 26, in the village of Locke's Mills. Slow jam from 6-7 p.m. All string instruments welcome to play traditional, contra dance, Scottish, Irish and Quebecois tunes. Come to play, listen, or learn new tunes. Every Friday night. Free. See Greenwood Fiddle Jam page on Facebook for additional info.

**Dave Mallett performance;** rain or shine, in Andover's Summer Concert Series. "Shine" will be a free show at the bandstand on the Common and "Rain" is at the church next door for \$20. Advance \$20 tickets are available at Pete's Hardware.

Saturday, Aug. 27

**Sustainable Trail Design Workshop;** Mt. Abram. Jim Tasse Assistant Director of the BCM will lead the day with an overview of trail building basics, highlighting how proper design and construction prevents erosion, which eliminates environmental damage and greatly reduces year to year maintenance. If interested e-mail Mt Abram at [info@mtabram.com](mailto:info@mtabram.com) to be added to the sign up list and receive further information as the day approaches.

**Waterford World's Fair dance;** with long time favorite Rockin Roadrunners, 8 p.m. - midnight, BYOB, 21+ event, \$10 per person. Held at the fairgrounds, 36 Green Rd, Waterford. For more information contact Lisa Scribner 890-7669.

**Yard Sale;** Christ Episcopal Church, 35 Paris Street, Norway. 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Large selection of Household items, jewelry, China, lots of books. Enjoy breakfast & lunch for a small fee.

**Casserole supper;** sponsored the AMVETS, Post #777 at the VFW Post #9787, 58 Lower Main Street, South Paris. Supper from 4:30-6 p.m. Adults \$8, children 12 and under \$4. Come and enjoy a great meal.

Sunday, Aug. 28

Albany Improvement Association annual meeting; at the Town House at 6 p.m. All Albany residents invited.

Tuesday, Aug. 30

**Public Supper at North Waterford Church;** 5 to 6:30. This summer's last Public Supper at the North Waterford Church, Route 5, opposite Melby's Eatery. All you can eat: casseroles, baked beans, salads, and homemade desserts. \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children.

**Special Bethel Selectmen's meeting;** 6 p.m. at Town Office.

Thursday, Sept. 1

**NAMI's FREE Family to Family education course;** for families and friends of persons with mental health challenges will start in Norway from 6-8:30 p.m. More information at [www.namimaine.org](http://www.namimaine.org) or 1-800-464-5767.

Friday, Sept. 2

**Western Maine Art Group First Friday Reception;** 5 to 7 p.m. at Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street. The gallery is exhibiting the work of fine artists and artisans living and working in Western Maine. Featured at the Main Street Gallery in September are the paintings of Anthony Morra, Western Maine Art Group's Artist of the Month. He holds a deep interest in the classic style of traditional oil paintings.

Sunday, Sept. 4

**DaPonte String Quartet;** returns to Paris Hill for their Leaf Peeper concert at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Paris at 500 Paris Hill Road in South Paris. Cost is \$15 per person; tickets are available at the door.

Tuesday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 11

**Two-day archery education course;** will provide a student with a wealth of knowledge regarding equipment, proper hunting methods, responsibilities, and general safety. Passage of a final exam is required. You must attend every day of the class in order to receive your certificate. Limit 25. Tuesday, Sept. 6, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 11 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Telstar High School. Sign up at MSAD44 Adult Ed. <http://sad44.maineadulted.org> or call 824-2136 ext 1340.

Thursday, Sept. 8

**Sip and Paint with Paint the Town;** at American Legion Post 81 in Bethel (Vernon Street), 6-9 p.m. Event is a fundraiser for the Legion. The subject painted will be a fall landscape. Price per person is \$35; space is limited. Free appetizers, coffee and tea, or bring your own beverage. To sign up go to [PainttheTownWithMe.com](http://PainttheTownWithMe.com) or call Frieda Charron at 757-870-4020.

Saturday, Sept. 10

**Texas Hold'em;** Jackson-Silver Post 68, 595 Gore Rd., Locke Mills. Doors open at noon, games begin at 1 p.m. (new doors open and start times). 50/50, meals and beverages available. BYOB. Spacious & air conditioned. FMI: Ray/890-3737 or Delle/875-2375.

**Spaghetti Supper and Chinese Auction;** at 5 p.m. at the Mexico Calvin Lyons Hall (below the town office.) to raise funds for the NAMI Western Mountains walk team, thereby making it possible for more NAMI programs and events to be brought to this western part of the state. Anyone wishing to donate to the Chinese auction, please call Sue at 418-7904 or Dottie at 364-2197.

**MEMIC Peak2Peak Challenge;** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Sunday River Resort. A new adventure race that spans Sunday River's eight mountain peaks. Competitors are challenged with reaching the summit of each peak in the shortest time possible. Cash prizes awarded to top three finishers in the individual, team of two and team of four categories. Website: <http://sundayriver.com/events-and-activities/events-calendar/peak2peak>

**Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club's workshop;** at 1 p.m. at the Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, So. Paris. Al Borzelli will speak to club members on all aspects of preparing your bees for winter. Weather permitting there will be an open hive, so bring your veils. FMI contact Chris at [cpeaston@megalink.net](mailto:cpeaston@megalink.net), or visit [mainehoneybees.com](http://mainehoneybees.com).

Monday, Sept. 12

**Socrates Cafe;** meets at the Waterford Library from 6:30 pm to 8:30 p.m. Topic: Obesity: A Big Problem. Moderator: Bob Casimiro. Light refreshments provided. FMI call 583-6957.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

**Bethel Senior Citizens Club;** will meet at the Funky, Red Barn for meeting and dinner. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. Menu is fish or prime rib and price is \$13. Reservations must be made before Sept. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice.

Friday, Sept. 16

**Mahosuc Community Trails Symposium;** at Mt. Abram Main Lodge. The Trails Symposium will bring together trail enthusiasts from all user groups to discuss an area wide trail systems and learn from a wide range of people around New England that have established successful trail systems. We hope this will be a catalyst to further develop a vision for a comprehensive multi-user Bethel/Greenwood Trail network. For more information visit [www.mahosucpathways.org](http://www.mahosucpathways.org)

Saturday, Sept. 17

**Bethel Harvestfest & Chowdah Cookoff;** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Celebrate the harvest and the beginning of fall-foliage season with arts, crafts, music, a farmers' market, a chowder and apple pie cookoff, and more on the town common.

**Team Hailey Hugs Walk a Thon;** at Telstar's track. Registration begins at 8 a.m.; walk starts at 9 a.m. Proceeds of this year's walk will help two children from the Bethel area fighting childhood cancer.

Sunday, Sept. 18

**Bethel Area CROP Walk;** (Communities Respond to Overcome Poverty) will start with an ecumenical church service on the Bethel Common at 10 a.m. followed by a picnic lunch at 11 (bring sandwiches). The CROP Walk is 3 miles around the town of Bethel, starting at 11:30. 25 percent of the money raised goes to the Bethel Food Pantry; 75 percent goes to the Church World Service. Contact Eileen Opie for more information at 824-3121.

Saturday, Sept. 24

**Western Maine Recovery Rally;** 11:30-2, First Universalist Church, Norway to Moore Park, S. Paris. BBQ, music, speakers. FMI: Taylor@healthyoxfordhills.org.

**Panel Discussion on Substance Abuse;** 2:30-5:30 p.m. at First Universalist Church of West Paris, 208 Main Street. FMI: Suzanne Dunham 665-2967.

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# MAHOOSUC KIDS

Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

## From the Director

As you are reading this, we are completing another wonderful 8 weeks of MKA Summer Adventure Program. The summer went so fast and we had so many wonderful experiences.

Our sincerest thanks to the Bethel area community for welcoming us and allowing the kids to enjoy what Western Maine has to offer.

Special thanks to the Bethel Historical Society and the Mahoosuc Land Trust for doing programs for us and to the River-view

Resort for having us for swimming lessons.

We had such an awesome staff and I will miss their enthusiasm and spirit as we transition to the school year.

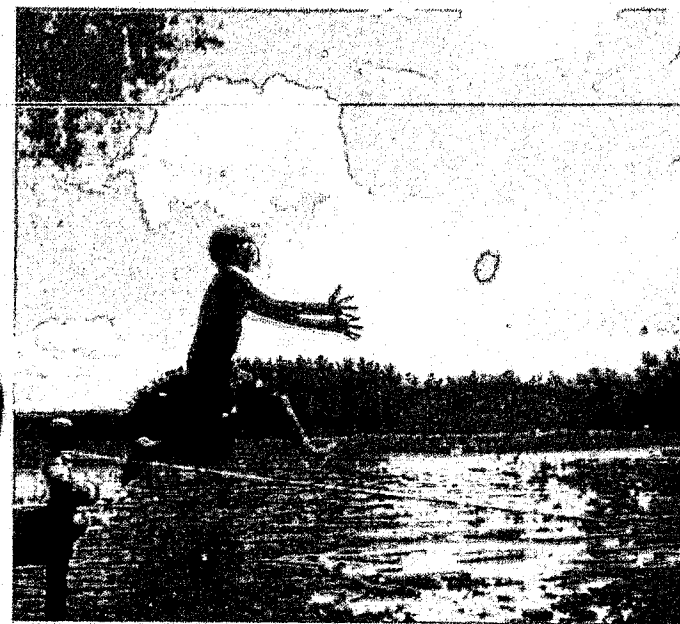
MKA will be closed from August 22nd to August 30th. All four sites will be open on the first day of school.

Fall enrollment forms are on our website: [www.mahoosuckids.org](http://www.mahoosuckids.org) or stop into any one of the schools to enroll. Enjoy the rest of summer vacation and we look forward to seeing all the kids again when school starts!

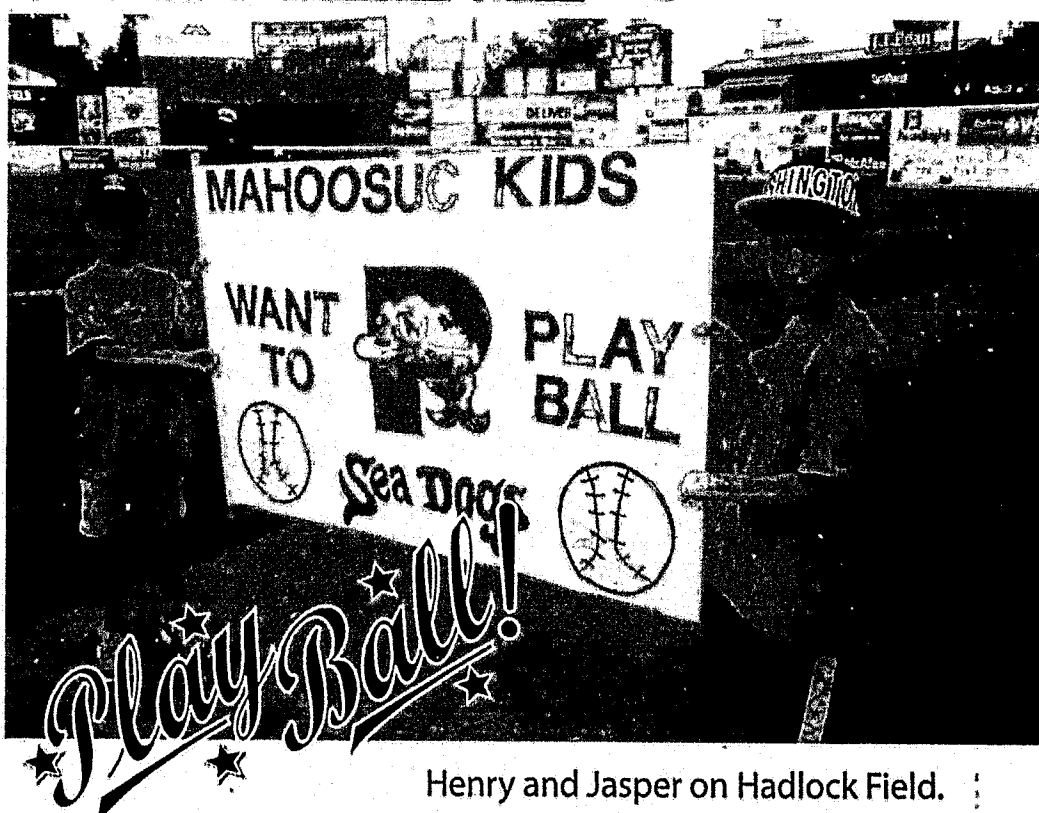
Julie Hart,  
MKA Director



Ani, Matthew, Dahlea, and Kristine enjoy the sand at Popham Beach State Park.



The kids love to jump off the dock at Angevine Park.



Henry and Jasper on Hadlock Field.



The Voyagers learn about planets with Maddie, our friend from the 4-H Camp.



Special thanks to the Bethel Historical Society, from Sawyer, Max, Seth, and all their friends.



Making space ships in Mini Monets.



Kyra, Hunter, and Jasper hiked with their counselors to the top of Table Rock.



Reece and Jaykob take a ride on the Narrow Gauge Railway.

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# Puzzles4Kids

## CODER RIDDLE

by Helene Hovanec

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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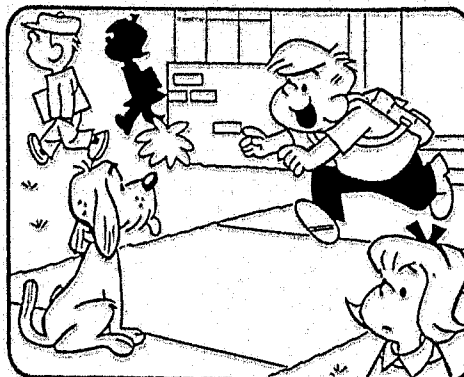
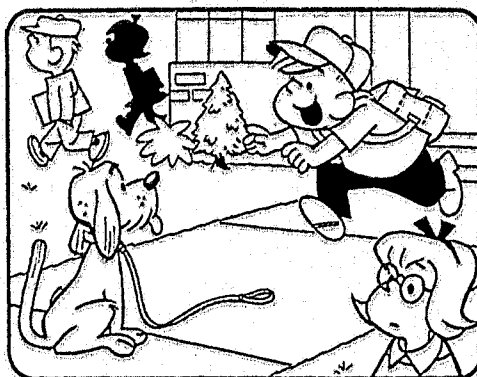
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IPSTF? NPSF UIBO UIF IPSTF.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:  
1. Dog's hair is missing. 2. Leash is missing. 3. Tree is missing. 4. Cap is missing. 5. Backpack is smaller. 6. Glasses are missing.

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: L equals F

VJQR U OBTTQOWPBR BL DRUWZ

OBRDMQDUWQ LBM U KUC BL

URDTPRD, VBSTK CBS ZUC WJUW'Z

LTC LPZJPRD?

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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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ARCTINE  
Mesh  
GNOBLE  
Archive  
CREDOR  
Feature  
TALIED

TODAY'S WORD



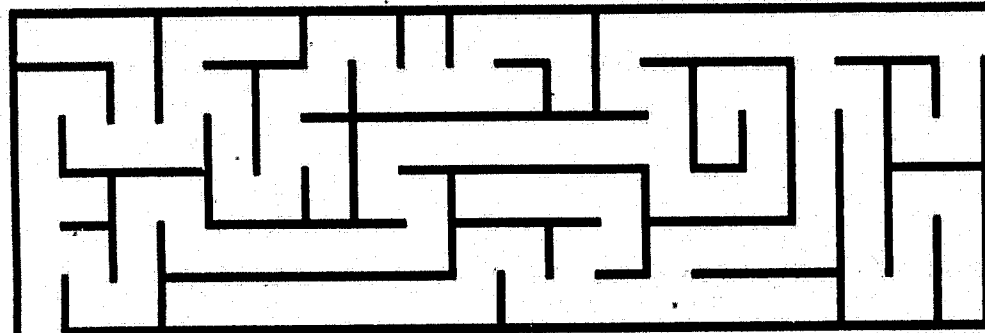
"Don't bother looking for the spare, I took it out to make room for the \_\_\_\_\_."

## Super Crossword

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Virginia city or river
  - 8 Religious day of rest
  - 15 Triangular house part
  - 20 Country east of Turkey
  - 21 Turkey locale
  - 22 Iranian faith
  - 23 Waste time on trifling things in a brave way?
  - 25 23-season baseballer
  - 26 Fork stickler
  - 27 The, to Gigi
  - 28 Storage medium that can be written to
  - 29 PC shortcut code
  - 30 — Caps
  - 31 Ship bunk
  - 33 Bush's successor ready to hit the hay?
  - 37 Alamo rental
  - 38 "Alley —"
  - 40 Manning of the NFL
  - 41 Brazilian berry
- DOWN**
- 42 Repair of an angel's blood vessel?
  - 50 Snacked
  - 51 Christens differently
  - 52 Became solidified
  - 53 Author Joyce Carol —
  - 55 Zing
  - 56 — out an existence
  - 58 Justin Bieber fan, often
  - 59 Paint
  - 61 Viral Internet images, say
  - 63 Carter's successor used a hand motion?
  - 69 Dallas-lo-Nashville dir.
  - 70 Just right
  - 73 Zing
  - 74 Miner's strike
  - 75 Delfi meats turning bad?
  - 80 Uppity type
  - 82 Droopy
  - 83 Agenda
  - 84 On an ad — basis
  - 87 This, in Acapulco
  - 88 Retro photo tint
  - 91 Rialto city
  - 93 Like droids
  - 95 Long-running CBS series
  - 96 Nietzschean superman from Vegas?
  - 100 Golden State sch.
  - 102 Hi — image
  - 103 PC storage letters
  - 104 Sci-fi beings
  - 105 Bird crossbreed?
  - 110 "Wrong"
  - 112 Sorority letter
  - 115 Relatives of sororities, for short
  - 116 Jazz sax player Stan
  - 118 — Offensive
  - 119 Hammer end
  - 120 Slow — (small primate)
  - 121 Incense resin causes intoxication?
  - 125 1985 Kate Nelligan drama
  - 126 Marinara herb
  - 127 Alfresco
  - 128 Marsh plant
  - 129 Lifeblood
  - 130 Most moist
  - 34 Honey liquor
  - 35 Roker and Sharpion
  - 36 Nose marrer
  - 37 Lifting device
  - 39 Vatican City sculpture
  - 42 Thick, sweet liqueurs
  - 43 Treasure State capital
  - 44 Tooth cover
  - 45 Query
  - 46 Designer
  - 47 Pettition
  - 48 1969 Beattle
  - 49 Juveniles
  - 54 "Aladdin" monkey
  - 57 Historian's units
  - 59 Party for JFK
  - 60 Sahara viper
  - 62 Of apes
  - 64 Fled to hitch
  - 65 Vincent van —
  - 66 Uses a perch
  - 67 Like steamy literature
  - 68 Disunite
  - 71 Not bright
  - 72 Paranormal
  - 76 Foreman fighter
  - 77 Limb bone
  - 78 Outing ruiner
  - 79 Run up
  - 81 Rialto signs
  - 85 Bobby the Bruin
  - 86 Is realized
  - 88 Brawls
  - 89 Salad endive
  - 90 Having supporting columns
  - 91 Prefix with dilator
  - 92 Black, in verse
  - 94 "Thanks — God!"
  - 97 Suffix with north
  - 98 — out (chill)
  - 99 Be a ham
  - 101 Stage skill
  - 106 Davis of film
  - 107 Cruel beasts
  - 108 Suit twill
  - 109 Actor Hawke
  - 111 Quarterback
  - 112 Fix, as laces
  - 113 Gives ear to
  - 114 Kickoff
  - 117 It's in brass
  - 119 Previous
  - 121 Skier Tommy
  - 122 52-wk. units
  - 123 — Valley, San Francisco
  - 124 Hairy sitcom cousin

## Kids' Maze

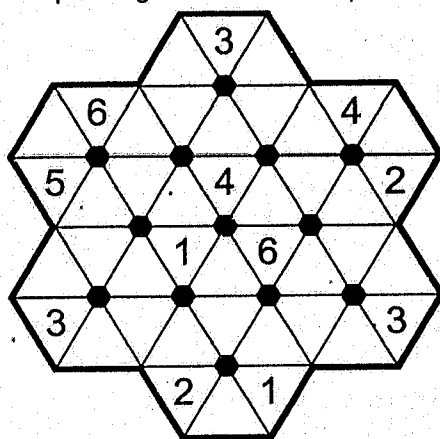


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## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦  
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

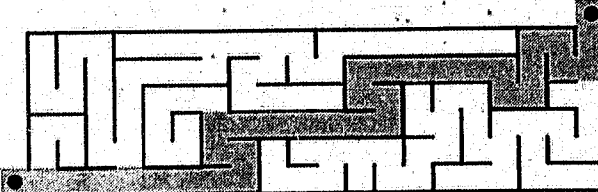
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1			8			3		
	4			9				5
		6			4		1	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦

♦♦♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze Solution

## SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

When a collection of gnats congregates for a day of fly fishing?

Answer

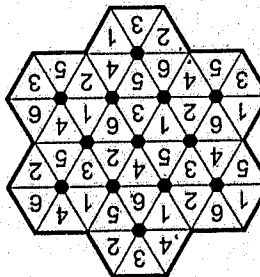
1. Certain; 2. Belong; 3. Record; 4. Detail

COOLER

How much should you know before you teach tricks to a horse?

Answer

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SNOWFLAKES

Answer

3	6	7	9	4	8	2	5	1
8	4	3	2	9	1	7	6	5
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ANSWERS:

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer



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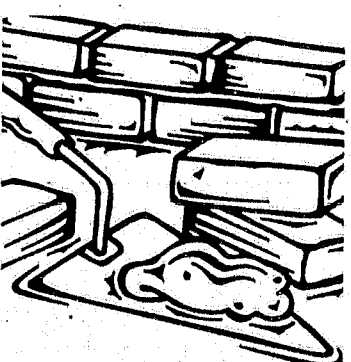
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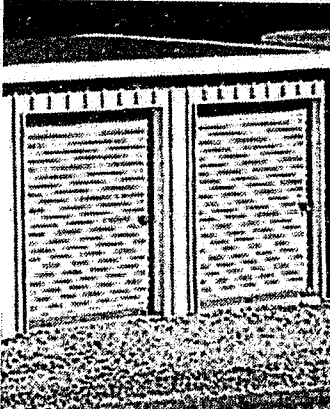
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# Bus Safety 101

## Safety Tips from the M.S.A.D. #44 Transportation Department

As summer days grow shorter, communities across America will soon be observing that timeless annual ritual: the first day of school. It's a time when parents breathe a sigh of relief and students and teachers anticipate new beginnings and new challenges.

Unfortunately, the beginning of school is also a time when children are at increased risk of transportation related injuries from pedestrian, bicycle, school bus, and motor vehicle crashes because there are many more children on the road each morning and afternoon and many driver's patterns change. Shorter daylight hours make it especially difficult to see young pedestrians and bicyclists. So as school opens their doors, it's time for everyone: motorists, parents, educators, and students to improve their traffic safety practices. The following tips can help to make a safe and happy school year for the whole community.

### Tips for Motorists:

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits.
- Always stop for a school bus that has stopped to load or unload passengers. Red flashing lights and extended stop arm tell you the school bus is stopped to load or unload children. State law requires you to stop.
- Be alert and ready to stop. Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops. Watch for children arriving late for the bus, who may dart into the street without looking for traffic. When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking or biking to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods or school zones, watch for young people who may be in a hurry to get to school and may not be thinking about getting there safely.

### Tips for Parents:

- Help your children learn and practice the safety rules for walking, bicycling, or riding in a passenger car or school bus.
- Supervise young children as they are walking or biking to school or as they wait at the school bus stop.
- Be a good role model, especially when you are with your kids. Always buckle up in the car, always wear a helmet when biking, and always follow pedestrian safety rules.

### Tips for Educators:

- Teach young children the safety rules for traveling to school, whether it be walking, bicycling, or riding in a motor vehicle or on a school bus.
- Support any "Getting to School Safely" activities sponsored by your school, PTA/PTO, or other community organizations.
- Be a good role model. Always use your seatbelt, wear a helmet when bicycling or riding a motorcycle.

### Tips for Students:

- Always buckle up when you're riding in a car.
- Always ride in the back seat. It's the safest place for young people.
- Always wear a helmet and follow traffic safety rules when riding your bike.
- If you ride a bus, learn and practice the safety rules for waiting at the bus stop, getting on and off the bus, and riding the bus.
- If you walk to school, learn and practice the safety rules for pedestrians. Always, cross at cross walks, obey all traffic signs, traffic lights and safety patrol instructions.
- Be a good role model for younger brothers and sisters and friends, and help them learn and practice the safety rules.

## Motorist Safety Rules

Motorists need to observe traffic safety rules around school buses. First and foremost, they must know and understand the school bus laws in the state. In particular, they must be aware that it is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that has stopped to load or unload students. Industry surveys ranked this as the most dangerous of all illegal or unsafe driving practices. In fact, collisions involving motorists who illegally passed a stopped school bus accounted for the majority of the pedestrian fatalities in school bus related crashes.

### Motorists must learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists that they are going to stop to load or unload students:

- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicle.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arm indicate that the bus has stopped and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their vehicle and wait until the red flashing lights are turned off, the stop arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they start driving again.
- State Law Title 29-A states the operator of a vehicle on a way, in a parking area or on school property, on meeting or overtaking a school bus from either direction when the bus has stopped with its red lights flashing to receive or discharge passengers, shall stop the vehicle before reaching the school bus. The operator may not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or until signaled by the school bus operator to proceed.

### Motorists should also observe the following traffic safety rules:

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking to the bus stop or walking or bicycling to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods and especially in school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking about getting there safely.
- Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no side walks. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops.
- Be alert and ready to stop. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into street without looking for traffic.



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Woodstock is requesting proposals to for the removal of a building from the property at 86 South Main St. Bryant Pond, Maine. The building is vacant and was acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes.

The building should be demolished, hauled off and the cellar hole filled with gravel. The Town of Woodstock will supply the gravel that will be needed to fill the cellar hole once all the building materials and debris are cleared away. Final leveling of the lot and landscaping will be done by the Town of Woodstock.

The Town will be responsible to see that all utilities are disconnected from the building before the work starts. A Certificate of Insurance will be required before the work can begin.

The work needs to be completed on or before October 31, 2016.

Proposals are due on September 6, 2016 at 5:00PM. The Selectmen have the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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Woodstock, Maine

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## REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Woodstock Board of Selectmen is currently requesting bids for winter plowing and sanding of the Redding Road. Redding Road begins at the Sumner-Woodstock Town Line and the maintenance requested will go from that point to Fire Lane 1.009, a distance of approximately 1 mile, which is at the intersection of the road going to the back side of Shagg Pond.

Attention should be given to plowing and pushing back the banks as required by the amount of snowfall.

Bid should include all equipment, sand and salt needed to accomplish the work.

Bids should be for a three (3) year period.

Please submit bids on or before September 6, 2016 at 5:00 PM. Bids will be opened and reviewed at that time. The Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

For any further information please contact the Woodstock Town Office at 665-2668.

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Woodstock, Maine



## Vehicle Maintenance Mechanic/Compressor Operator (Full Time Seasonal)

Looking for a Vehicle Maintenance Mechanic/Compressor Operator with at least 3 years of experience in diesel engine repair, hydraulics and diagnostics on heavy equipment: groomers, excavators, dozers and diesel compressors used in construction and snowmaking. Applicant must have a valid driver's license, be able to work alone and be motivated. This position requires weekend and holiday work through the winter season. Benefits include food, rental & retail discounts plus skiing/traveling privileges. Complete an application on our website www.skiwildcat.com or stop by our base lodge on Rt. 16 in Pinkham Notch EOE

## Town of Bethel HIGHWAY CREW FULL-TIME OPERATOR WANTED

The Town of Bethel is accepting applications for a full-time equipment operator/snowplow driver. This is a responsible, year-round position requiring skilled operation of a bucket loader, excavator, backhoe, grader, snowplow with wing and a variety of other equipment, dependent on conditions. Hand labor is also a regular requirement of the position. Pay starts at \$14.79/hour, with an increase after a six month probation. The standard town benefit package is also offered. A minimum of a CDL-B license is required along with passage of a mandatory drug and alcohol screen.

Applications may be picked up at the Bethel Town Office, Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm.

Deadline to apply is September 6, 2016.



## Guest Services Manager (Full Time Year Round)

Immediate opening for a service oriented person with a high energy level to serve as manager for the Guest Services Department. Looking for individual with strong customer service skills and ability to manage 8 to 10 people. Guest service experience and knowledge of POS systems a plus. Must be confident handling cash and end of the day deposits. Must be willing to work every weekend and holidays through the winter and summer seasons. Benefits include -med/dent/vision insurance, 401k, paid time off, free skiing privileges and more.

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## M.S.A.D. #44

M.S.A.D. #44 is currently looking for substitute school bus drivers.

The successful candidates should be responsible, caring and positive team players who possess a high school diploma or equivalent, a clean driving record for the last 3 years and the ability to work in a flexible and challenging environment. A criminal/traffic history records check will be completed on all applicants.

Preference will be given to candidates who possess a valid Maine CDL with an "S/P" endorsement but training for that license may also be available.

The successful candidates will work only during the normal school year calendar.

For further information about the duties of an on-call school bus driver, please see Ronnie Deegan at the school bus transportation garage on 197 Main Street Bethel ME or call 824-2471. M.S.A.D. #44 is an equal opportunity employer.



## Obituaries



LORRAINE B. MARSTON

Lorraine B. Marston, 87, of Andover, died Monday, Aug. 22, 2016 at the Hospice House in Auburn.

She was born in Rumford, Maine on Sept. 17, 1928, the daughter of Guy and Annabelle (Clark) West, and had attended Rumford Schools. For many years she worked at the Andover Dowel Mill.

She was married in Andover in 1947 to David H. Marston who died in 1994.

Survivors include a son Stephen Marston and wife Bonnie of Andover; daughters Brenda Coolidge of Newport, Margaret Nadeau and husband Lewis of Norway, Janet Goughnour and husband Michael of Lewiston, and Linda

Marston - Clark and husband Michael Clark of Mechanic Falls; 6 grandchildren Katie Young, Joseph Marston, Michelle Taylor, Brandi and Chad Herick, and Alfred Cochran; 7 great grandchildren; and was predeceased by her husband David and grandchildren Randy Cochran and Christine Marston Rowe.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at [www.mead-erandson.com](http://www.mead-erandson.com)

Graveside services will be conducted 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016 with Pastor Linda Couture officiating at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover.



JOHN L. SNOW

John Leroy Snow, 58, passed away peacefully in the comfort of his own

home, surrounded by his loving family, on Aug. 20, 2016.

He was born in Norway, Maine on Oct. 15, 1957. He is the son of Patricia Doughty Snow of South Paris and the late William Perley Snow.

John graduated from OHHS in 1975, where he is remembered for having great athletic abilities.

After graduating he joined the Army and was stationed in Germany. Upon returning from his service, he worked as a skilled carpenter for over 30 years and built a strong and loving home for his family.

He was a nature lover and avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed visiting and maintaining the family camp he built for all of his family to enjoy and relax at. He frequently went with friends to Patch Mountain for bouts of snowmobiling and fun. He also liked to visit the Swift River in Byron and pan for gold. He enjoyed ice fishing, snowmobiling, four-wheeling,

working around his home, and lending a helping hand.

John will always be remembered for his great big heart, his love and compassion, and his sense of humor.

Mr. Snow is survived by his wife of 26 years, Michele Snow; his three children, Alyssa Snow, Alex Snow and Allyson Snow; his grandson Ira "John" Towle; his mother Patricia Doughty Snow; his sister Billie Rae Koch and his brother Allen Snow.

He is predeceased by his father William Perley Snow.

A celebration of John's life will be held Aug. 29, 2016 starting at 6 p.m. at The First Congregational Church, 17 East Main Street, South Paris.

Online condolences can be expressed at [www.funeralalternatives.net](http://www.funeralalternatives.net).

Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives, 25 Tampa Street, Lewiston, ME 04240.

### Graveside services

BARRETT

A Memorial Service for Ruth F. Barrett will be held at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27.

## WMAG First Friday Reception



The Western Maine Art Group continues its summer season with a First Friday Reception Sept. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. at both the Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street. The gallery will be exhibiting the work of fine artists and artisans living and working in Western Maine.

Featured at the Main Street Gallery in September are the paintings of Anthony Morra, Western Maine Art Group's Artist of the Month. Anthony Morra began painting after his mother, artist Pam Morra, convinced him to give it a try six years ago. He started painting by taking weekly oil painting workshops with Auburn artist, Michael Ranucci. Anthony holds a deep interest in the classic style of traditional oil paintings.

Please join us at our opening and view the collection of original arts, mosaics, landscapes, figurative paintings, still life paintings, jewelry, and more. The Main Street Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from ten to four o'clock and Saturday from ten to two o'clock.

For more information, art classes, demonstrations, and special trips sponsored by the WMAG visit [westernmaineartgroup.org](http://westernmaineartgroup.org) and facebook, Main Street Gallery. The gallery is free and open to the public.

Note: The below bus schedule is a corrected version. Due a production error at the Citizen, an old schedule ran last week.

**\*\*\*REVISED SCHEDULE! BE SURE TO CLIP & SAVE\*\*\***

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- Check your child's clothing for the presence of long drawstrings or other dangling items. Long drawstrings or other dangling items could get snagged in the bus door as the child gets off the bus, and should be removed from clothing.
- Make sure your child arrives at the designated bus stop five minutes early each day. Children who are late for the bus may panic and chase it, or run into the road.
- Insist that your child wait for the bus safely in an orderly fashion, back from the roadway. Behavior problems at the bus stop can create hazardous conditions for children.
- When the bus arrives, your child should wait for the bus driver's signal before boarding. Children should board in single file.
- Teach your child to sit quietly on the ride to and from school. Behavior problems could distract the bus driver and result in an accident.
- It is important that our drivers are able to concentrate on driving the route safely. If anything makes your child feel unsafe at the bus stop or on the bus ride, please contact us at the transportation department, rather than trying to discuss it at the bus stop.
- We are deeply committed to the safety of your child as well as all our community's children.

*Thank you!*  
MSAD #44 Transportation Department

MSAD #44 2016-2017 SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE			
<b>ALBANY</b> Bus 50 - Run starts 6:45 a.m. from Vernon St. to Hunts Corner Rd., Wardwell Rd. at 7:05 to Rt 5 at 7:11 to Woodsman's Loop to Patty Brook Rd. to Rt 5 and on to CPS 7:30 THS 7:35	<b>SUNDAY RIVER/ WEST BETHEL</b> Bus 11 - Run starts 6:27 a.m. from Bus Garage, Sunday River Rd. at 6:33, Douglas Rd. 6:39, Skiway Rd. 6:46, Rt 2 West at 6:49 Barker Rd. 7:07, Rt 2 West to Campground at 7:13, back to Flat Rd. to Liberty Lane, Mountain View Circle to Rt 2, Annis Rd. at 7:22, Route 2, Railroad St. at 7:30, to THS/TMS at 7:34 then CPS at 7:41.	<b>WOODSTOCK</b> Bus 28 - Run begins 6:05 a.m. from WES, Rumford Avenue, Rt. 232, Rt. 26, Rt. 219 to Estes Rd. at 6:20, Rt. 219, Route 26 to Paige's Place, Andrews Rd. at 6:27 Koskela Rd. Harbor Rd. to Perkins Valley at 6:50, Cushman Rd. Route 26, Rt. 232, Rumford Ave. to WES at 7:18.	<b>WEST BETHEL/ MASON/ALBANY</b> Bus 20 - run starts 6:40 a.m. from Chet Herrick's home. Flat Rd. from W. Bethel Children's Center, Mason Township, to Grover Hill Rd. at 6:54, Songo Pond Rd. to Baker Rd. at 7:10, Songo Rd. Mill Hill Rd. to CPS 7:30 to THS 7:36.
<b>HANOVER</b> Andover Bus A - Pickups start at Gordie Howe's Store at 7:05, to Mayville Rd. at 7:23, Bethel, CPS at 7:29 and THS at 7:36.  Andover Bus B - Pickups start at Howard Pond Rd./ Mill Hill Rd. at 7:10, to Rt. 2 to THS at 7:27, to CPS at 7:36.	<b>WEST BETHEL/ GILEAD</b> Bus 16 - Run starts 6:35 a.m. from Pleasant River Motel, Rt. 2 West of Campground, Bog Rd., Gilead, West on North Rd. at 7:01, East on North Rd. Ellington Mtn. Rd. at 7:16, Mayville Rd. at 7:22, Church St., CPS at 7:32, to TMS/THS at 7:38.	<b>NEWRY</b> Bus 30 - run starts 6:30 a.m. from Bus Garage, Branch Rd. 6:49, Lone Pine Rd. 7:06, Rt. 2, Cross St. at 7:21, Bailey Rd. 7:25, THS at 7:34, CPS at 7:37.	<b>GREENWOOD/ WOODSTOCK</b> Bus 23 - run starts 6:05 a.m. from Eddies Rd. in Locke Mills. Greenwood Rd. Hayes Hill Rd. to Richardson Hollow Rd. 6:32, Alcohol Mary Rd., 6:37, Old County Rd., Church St., S. Main St., Rte 232, Rumford Ave. to WES at 7:18 to drop WES students and get TMS/THS students from Bus 16, then on to TMS/THS at 7:35.
<b>BETHEL</b> Bus 3 - Run starts 6:45 a.m. from Bus Garage, Vernon St. to Remington's 6:57, Irish Neighborhood to Paradise at 7:01, Mason/Chapman Sts. at 7:10, to Intervale Rd. to Stevens Rd. 7:22, THS 7:32 CPS 7:42.  Bus 9 - Starts 6:40 am from garage, Intervale Rd. from Carter's Farm to Rumford Town Line at 7:12, East Bethel Road to Locke Mills 7:39, THS 7:49 CPS 7:50.	<b>BETHEL/ GREENWOOD</b> Bus 10 - Run starts 6:36 a.m. from Bus Garage, Route 26, Gore Rd. 6:40, McCrillis Brook Rd., Gore Rd. 6:50, Route 232, turning at Buck's 7:05, Rumford Ave., WES 7:13, Rt. 26, THS/TMS 7:30, CPS 7:40.  <i>*Woodstock and CPS Elementary students will ride this bus.</i>	<b>NOTES:</b> Woodstock THS/TMS town students will meet Bus 24 at the Bryant Pond Post Office.  Due to unforeseen circumstances, bus pick up times may vary from the scheduled times.  Except as noted, start times are from the Transportation Facility in Bethel.  <b>For more information call the Transportation Department at 824-2471 or e-mail <a href="mailto:deeganr@msad44.org">deeganr@msad44.org</a></b>	
<b>LATE RUNS</b> The late run start time will vary throughout the school year.	<b>WOODSTOCK</b> 5:00 p.m. Departure from Telstar, Rt. 26 north to Intervale Rd., to East Bethel Rd., to Rt. 26 south, to Old County Rd., to West Paris Village, to Rt. 26 North, to Woodstock School.	<b>BETHEL</b> 5:00 p.m. Departure from Telstar, Main Street Church St. to Rt. 2 North to Flat Rd., to Rt. 2 to Hanover Town Office, Return To Bethel.	

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**DRIVE FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT BETHEL FAMILY HEALTH CENTER**

Bethel Family Health Center will hold a drive for new school supplies in celebration of National Health Center Week from Monday, August 8 until Friday, August 26. All donations from the community will be brought to Bethel Schools in an effort to supply local students with the tools they need to learn and grow in the classroom.

Some of the most needed classroom supplies include No. 2 pencils, large pink erasers, colored pencils, glue sticks, lunch bags or boxes and backpacks. Every donation makes a difference!

Bethel Family Health Center is located at 32 Railroad Street in Bethel. For more information, call (207) 824-2193.

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